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TIENTSIN BELIEVED FIRST RED OBJECTIVE

Nanking, December 22.

The North China war swirled to Tientsin's dirt wall and moat today, according to well-informed sources, who said they believe that the great industrial city is at the top of the list of Red objectives.

Tientsin is now isolated by land and cut off from the sea. The main airfield, seven miles East, is under Red control, but some aircraft today landed on the field built on the race-course within the city.

Official Chinese reports said Tientsin is in the full defence stage, with streets and thoroughfares barricaded and closed to traffic.

These reports said the Nationalists had been engaged in heavy fighting South of the city for the past three days and nights.

Tientsin's Nationalist defenders are not generally regarded as outstanding troops and they are facing crack Manchurian Communist units under General Liu Pan.

A carrier announcement revealed today that hundreds of villagers have been moved down by Nationalist machine guns in the vicinity of Tientsin, in the North Western suburb, when seen wandering about strangely garbed in red and green.

The authorities alleged that villagers, numbering a couple of thousand, who covered themselves with quilts and bedclothes in a variety of colours, were armed with bombs supplied by the Communists, who drove them ahead as bullet shields.

New Airfields

The official English language Peiping Chronicle gave front page prominence today to the appeal by Wang Kuo Tao Tienhwei (International Moral Society) addressed to all thinking people in the world for help in preventing the destruction of Peiping.

"We want you to support us in our struggle for reason so that Peiping may be spared the fate of so many historical places in Europe where war destroyed what centuries of thought, love and labour had built up."

Meanwhile, Chinese Air Force planes yesterday made successful test flights from the new pole ground airfield off the Legation Quarter.

The field was built in great haste to give Peiping an air link with the outside world. The first landing there occurred on Saturday, but improvements had to be made before outboard flights could be carried out without grave risk.

Meanwhile, work went on round the clock on the airfield being built in the grounds of the Temple and Altar of Heaven. Aviation circles foresee the possibility of commercial airlines running planes to Peiping when it is completed.

The official Kuomintang organ, Central Daily News, claimed this morning that rumors the Communist General Liu Pan-cheng was killed on December 10 in a Nationalist bombing raid on his Headquarters—South West of Hsueh have been confirmed in Pengu.

General Liu's final Communist offensive across the Hwai River against Nanking had been expected almost hourly by observers.

The magistrates had spoken with the stretcher bearers, who said that Liu had been wounded in the leg and died from loss of blood while being taken to a first-aid post.

The Communist broadcast, heard in San Francisco, hinted it will not be long before strong Red forces reach the Yangtze at a point 30 miles East of Nanking where the Grand Canal flows into the river.

The broadcast claimed capture of Kaoyu, 65 miles North East of Nanking, last Thursday and indicated the next objective would be the Grand Canal town of Yangchow.

Red troops North of the Hwai are reported to have reopened vital sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railroad. (An informed Nanking source said Red trains are moving South of Hsuehchow as far as 65 miles).

Any Communist establishment of a rail head South of Hsuehchow would ease the supply problem for the offensive towards the Yangtze. A foreign missionary arriving in Pengu on Tuesday said Communist trains operate by night to escape bombings by the Government air force.

The Communist radio said the 26th Army, out of the main forces of the North China Government commander, General Fu Tso-yi, was encircled in mountains 60 miles North West of Peiping and is being bombarded with demands to surrender. — Associated Press.

Communists In Peiping?

Tokyo, December 22.
A Chinese Communist radio broadcast monitored in Tokyo today claimed the Communists have entered Peiping.

The announcer, speaking in broken English, identified the station as G-7MH "broadcasting from Peiping in Communist-held China."

He requested that foreign embassies in Nanking be given the message, purported to have been issued by Acting President C. W. Liu of Yenching University, to the effect that all foreigners at the university were safe after the Communist occupation of the university grounds.

He gave no details of his station's location or whether it actually was within Peiping's walls. The broadcast was monitored by the American amateur station J-2USA in Tokyo.—United Press.

SECOND HITCH IN CABINET FORMATION

Nanking, December 22.
There was another hitch in the formation of Dr. Sun Fo's War Cabinet tonight when it was reliably learned that Mr. Mei Yi-chi, Chancellor of the National Chunghua University, had declined to accept his nomination as Education Minister.

News of Mr. Mei's decision became known almost simultaneously with the official announcement of the Cabinet appointments. The names of the ministers announced coincided with the list of nominees approved earlier today by the Kuomintang Political Council.

Dr. Sun Fo is understood to have conferred with Mr. Mei immediately following the Council meeting, but is believed to have failed to persuade him to change his mind.

It was reported tonight that Mr. Mei was meeting President Chiang Kai-shek with other university professors and lecturers who yesterday were evacuated in lightly loaded transport planes from the improvised airfield in the centre of besieged Peiping.

Unless Mr. Mei is persuaded by the Generalissimo to accept the Education post, the number of portfolios unfilled in Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet will have been increased to two. So far Dr. Sun Fo has not found a nominee for the post of Agriculture and Forestry.—Reuter.

Dr. Figl Found Blameless

Vienna, December 21.
Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, was today found blameless by his party in executive of charges made by a former police chief that he had accepted a gold cigarette case worth 25,000 schillings.

Edgar Rados, former head of the State Police Department in Vienna, found guilty of blackmail and sentenced to 15 months' hard labour, made the allegation at his trial.

Dr. Figl stated that he first refused to accept the case but when Rados refused to take it back he deposited it with the Chancellor. He added that in any case the cigarette case was not worth anything like the sum stated by Rados.—Reuter.

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SCENE OF THE CRASH



An aerial view of the scene of Tuesday's disaster, when a CNAC Skymaster crashed, killing 35. In the upper right of the picture can be seen the shoulder of the hill where the plane first struck. The white mark in the left centre is the fuselage of the aircraft. (Photo by Bing Tao Jih Pao)

SELF-DEFENCE PLEA MADE BY DUTCH TO UN

Paris, December 22.
The Dutch told the United Nations Security Council today they attacked the Indonesian Republic because they had captured secret Republican plans to attack the Dutch.

Jan Herman Van Royen, Dutch delegate, was the first speaker as the Security Council met to take up an American complaint against the Dutch for their land, sea and air attack on the Republic.

Van Royen said the alleged secret Republican plans were for large-scale military action against the Dutch in January, 1949.

He said the Dutch were determined to give eventual independence to the United States of Indonesia. But he said they would not get their independence until the Dutch were sure the citizens of such a federation would not fall under the dictatorship of an extremist party.

Domestic Matter

He defended the Dutch "police" action, beginning on Saturday, on the grounds that the Indonesians had constantly violated the truce. The Security Council, he said, was not competent to deal with the question because:

(1) The Charter dealt with the relations between sovereign States. (2) The matter was within the domestic jurisdiction of The Netherlands, and (3) The situation did not endanger international peace and security.

The Council meeting, called at the request of Australia and the United States, to consider the renewed fighting in Java and Sumatra, adjourned on Monday because the representatives of Russia, the Ukraine and Colombia were not present.

United Nations investigators said the Dutch evidently were planning their current military campaign against the Indonesian Republic while still corresponding with the Republic through the UN.

The UN Good Offices Committee, which had sought to mediate the dispute between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic, made the accusation in a public report to the Security Council in Paris. The report said: "A military operation of the nature carried out by the Netherlands forces must have involved considerable planning and it is difficult for the Committee to conclude that plans for such operations were in progress during the exchange of correspondence in the last few days before the action started and at the time the Netherlands authorities facilitated transfer of the Committee's headquarters to Kalikrat."

Dutch Successes

The Dutch armed forces announced today major new gains in Java with the capture of Soerakarta, largest city of the Indonesian Republic, and the great oil refining centre of Tjoplo. Other Dutch forces, advancing on the neighbouring island of Sumatra, captured Bukittinggi.

ILL-FATED AIRCRAFT FLEW AGAINST ADVICE

The China National Aviation Corporation Skymaster which crashed 10 miles East of Kai Tak airfield on Tuesday was "flying in very foggy weather conditions against the advice of the Hong Kong Control Tower," it was officially disclosed last night.

Total casualties, including Mr. Quentin Roosevelt, 28-year-old CNAC Vice-President and grandson of the former President of the United States, were 35—two more than originally assumed by the local CNAC office.

Among the dead were Dr. Peng Hsueh-pai, Chinese delegate to the United Nations and former Minister of Information, Mr. Fang Yu-cheng, Director of the Shanghai Bureau of Central News Agency, and Mr. Fang Pei-lin, a movie film director.

Others who lost their lives included five women and a boy. Thirteen bodies were brought by CNAC launches to Hong Kong during Tuesday night. They were taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Rough weather prevented the others from being transported to Hong Kong yesterday. They are expected to be brought in this morning.

The Governor of Hong Kong sent a cable on Tuesday night to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The message read: "Regret to inform you that a CNAC Skymaster enroute from Shanghai to Hong Kong crashed within British territory today."

The messages added: "The plane was flying in very foggy weather conditions against the advice of the Hong Kong Tower. The estimated 25 passengers and five crew are all dead. A report follows is due course."

Yesterday a reply was received from the Colonial Office. The Secretary of State's cable said: "Deeply regret to learn of the heavy loss of life in the accident to the CNAC Skymaster."

The passenger list cabled from Shanghai yesterday showed that besides a crew of seven, the Skymaster carried 28 passengers—two more than originally assumed on Tuesday by the Hong Kong CNAC Office.

Carried 28 Passengers

The passengers were Messrs. Quentin Roosevelt, Peng Hsueh-pai, Fang Yu-cheng, Wang Weishi, Chao Kuo-ohua, Chen Yi, Han Ming-yung, Lo Liang-chien, Chu Yun, Chu Man, Fang Pei-lin, Chiang Yun-feng, Hsu Chen-chueh, Wu Cheng-an, Liu Tien-chuan, Yang Yi-shou, Chen Po-chiao, Shen Shih-shen, Yang Hailin, Lo Hsiao-feng, Mrs. Wang Hu Chiu-huan, Mrs. Wu Chu Ching-chun, Mrs. Chen Tung Shu-fang, Mrs. Lu Tao Wei-shen, and Master Liu.

Mr. Quentin Roosevelt's wife, Mrs. Francis Roosevelt, and their three young daughters were all in Shanghai. Mr. Roosevelt has been in China for about a year acting as a Director of CNAC. His father was killed in action in Normandy in the last war. His brother left Hong Kong for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. Peng Hsueh-pai was 52 years old. He was educated at the Japanese Imperial University and later at other foreign universities. He became Minister of Information after the surrender of Japan.

Mr. Fang Yu-cheng, also publisher of the Central Daily News at Shanghai, was on his way to Canton to establish a newspaper in that city.

Mr. Turner, Divisional Superintendent of the Water Police, Inspector R. Oliver, Sub-Inspector Pyle, Sub-Inspector Rose and other police officers who were first to reach the wrecked plane were still on Basil Island yesterday.

They are expected back this morning with the dead. Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, went to the area yesterday to investigate and report to the Governor.

Search Of Wreckage
Police and aviation officers yesterday raked the incinerated wreckage of the Skymaster in efforts to find more victims, says an Associated Press correspondent who visited the area.

He added that the big CNAC plane lay in ashes, 100 feet from the summit of the 554-foot Basil Island. Around it littered for more than half a mile were the bodies and baggage of the 35 victims except those who had been removed to the mortuary.

Fourteen mangled bodies lay on the hillside. Four others, one of whom is believed to be that of Quentin Roosevelt, still lay among the ashes of the plane, waiting to be removed to Hong Kong by police launch.

Pilots at the scene of the crash estimated today that the plane was flying at more than 200 miles an hour when its right wing struck the hillside 100 feet from the summit of the rocky 554-foot island.

They said the plane was on the Hong Kong beam but was flying too low. The blackened hillside where the plane crashed gives rise to the belief that it immediately burst into flames after the impact. The fuselage and left wing were wheeled around near the summit, and had come to rest half way down the slope.

Force Of Impact
The airliner struck with such force that two of its four engines were hurled more than 300 yards, cylinder heads were split open, baggage and bodies were strewn over an area of half a square mile.

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No single part of the plane was intact. The fuselage was incinerated except for the under carriage. Even the tail surface was a heap of white ash.

Police and civil officials worked all morning gathering the dead and their possessions on the hillside.

Pilot Charles Sunby, a naturalised Danish-American, has been tentatively identified by his CNAC uniform.

Littering the scene was an assortment of clothing, bedding, mail, aircraft instruments, sheets of music, religious medals and calling cards.

Early reports that looters had been busy are unsubstantiated. Police yesterday were busy gathering cameras, jewellery, pocketbooks and currency belonging to the dead.

A wrist watch found on the of one passenger was still running.

Mr. Moss Annoyed
Civil Aviation Director Mr. A. J. R. Moss denied commercial and press photographers access to the crash. Mr. Moss said he was "rather annoyed" that "China Mail" Associated Press and other Pressmen reached the scene. "I am going to make enquiries as to how they got there," he said.

Corrigan birds circled over the island as the police worked. Almost all the dead seemed at least partially decapitated, apparently due to the tremendous momentum with which they were hurled through the fuselage when the plane crashed.

One man seemed to have had an idea of what was coming. His blackened hands were held before his face. Attitudes of the rest indicated they met death without even knowing it was upon them.

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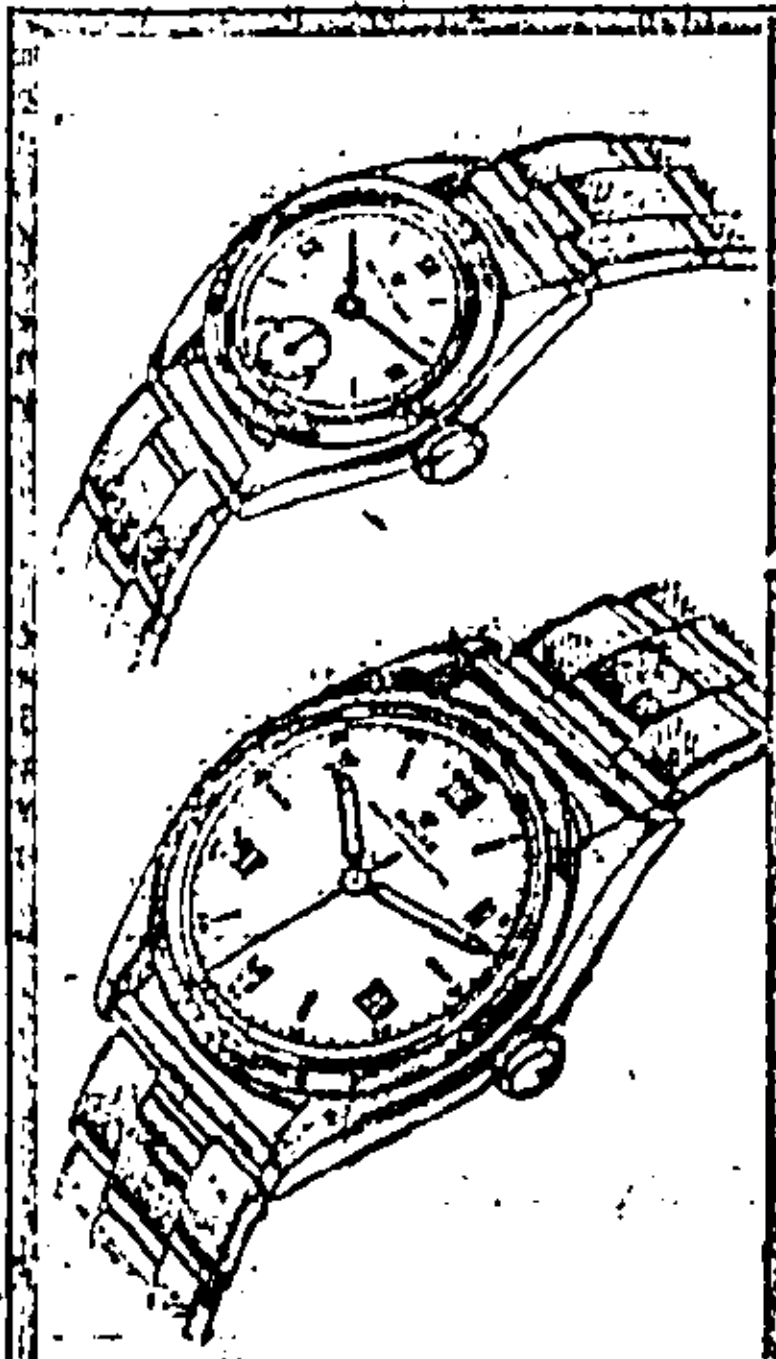
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POLITICS IN SCHOOLS BANNED IN NEW BILL

The teaching of political doctrines and all political activities in schools are banned in a new Bill, the Education Amendment Ordinance 1948, which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Ordinance gives power to the Governor-in-Council to close a school or to remove school managers or teachers engaged in political indoctrination.

Moving the introduction of the Bill, the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, explained that the Education Ordinance 1913 required all schools in the Colony to be registered, and empowered the Director of Education to grant or refuse applications for registration.

These powers were exercisable subject to right of appeal to the Governor-in-Council against the decision of the Director of Education. The Ordinance did not, however, empower the Director of Education to withdraw such teacher from the register.

It was considered that the Ordinance should contain such a power so as to ensure the necessary standard of competence and suitability among teachers in the Colony.

Repair Deficiency

The Bill before Council, said Mr. Griffin, would repair this deficiency. It would consequently make it an offence for persons who were not registered teachers to teach in a school prior to the approval of the Director of Education.

"There is a further matter," went on Mr. Griffin, "and that is under section 19 of the principal Ordinance, there is a further power of control, a power which is by that section given to the Governor-in-Council. It is a power superimposed on the powers given to the Director of Education.

"Section 19 says that if it appears to the Governor-in-Council that any school is being conducted in such a manner as to be prejudicial to the interests of the Colony or of the public or of the pupils of the school, it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to declare such school to be an unlawful school within the meaning of the Ordinance.

"There is a considerable power which has been vested in the Governor-in-Council, but it is designed to be used where the conduct of a school, that is the manner in which the school is carried on, calls for special interference of the Governor-in-Council.

Not In Best Interests

"There are schools in the Colony at the present time which are conducted with perfect decorum but yet cannot be said to be conducted in the best interests of the Colony or of the public, or of the pupils, because in such schools, few as there may be, addition to teaching normal subjects, some such schools or the managers or teachers therein are engaged in political indoctrination.

"It is considered that where

such indoctrination consist of teaching of activity, of political activity—I stress the word activity—which endangers either this Colony or places outside it, in as far as maintenance of law and order is concerned, then it is considered there should be power in the Ordinance to deal with the situation of that kind, either by closing the school or by removal of a school manager, or of an individual teacher, according as to whether the school or individual is engaged in such political indoctrination.

"I indicated that the provisions of section 19 of the principal Ordinance giving power to the Governor-in-Council do not suffice to deal with the situation.

"Accordingly, it is sought by clause 10 of the present Bill now before Council to give power to the Governor-in-Council of removal from the register of a school or of a person from managing or teaching in cases where it appears to the Governor-in-Council necessary to take such action, because it is prejudicial to the Colony or to the public or to the pupils of the school.

Exercise of Powers

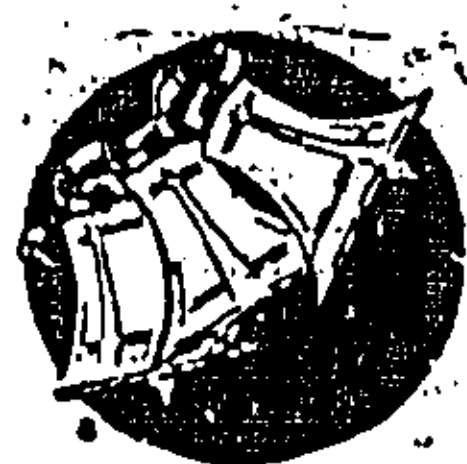
"Clause 10 which seeks to introduce a new section in section 19 is designed to give powers to the Governor-in-Council and it also sets out how such powers shall be exercised.

"It will be seen that the section requires that if the Governor-in-Council, contemplating action, he shall call upon the school manager or individual affected to show cause why action should not be taken to put an end to his activities in running a school or in the case of a school, put an end to the school itself.

"It also provides that where a person is called upon to show cause, he will be at liberty to appear in person before the Governor-in-Council, to urge any representations he may desire to make against that course of action.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary Mr. D. M. MacDougal, and carried unanimously.

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Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon,
talk by Mr. F. W. Kendall,
Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y'a Men's Club of Hong Kong,
talk by Dr. Arthur Woo, Roof
Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.45
p.m.
RAF Association luncheon, Jaco-
bean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45
p.m.
Shanghai Tag and Lighter Com-
pany, Limited, annual meet-
ing, Wheelock Marden Office,
King's Bldg., 11 a.m.
Exhibition of French paintings at
Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel,
5 p.m.
H.K. Football Association emer-
gency sub-committee meet-
ing, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.
Service men's Christmas Dinner,
Sailors and Soldiers Home.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Midnight Masses at all Catholic
Churches.
Midnight Eucharist (sung), St.
John's Cathedral, 11.30 p.m.
Midnight Communion, St. An-
drew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

Money Market

U.S. dollars dropped to
HK\$5.01 yesterday following a
weakening of the market. The
opening rate was \$5.02½.
Gold was steady, though quiet.
Opening at HK\$298.75 a tael, it
closed at \$295.25. These were the
highest and lowest rates of the
day.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 7½
cents. Canton remittances were at
6.45 cents and Shanghai remit-
tances at 7.15 cents.

Pinstripes opened at HK\$7.35 a
100, dropped to \$7.10, and closed
at \$7.30.

Ticals were unchanged at
HK\$25.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders, after Tuesday's
spurt, dropped to HK\$36 a 100
when the market closed yester-
day. The opening rate was \$36.40.

Sterling was slightly earlier at
HK\$15, while Australian pounds
were unchanged at HK\$12.50.

PEI HO THEATRE FIRE BRINGS COURT ACTION

Following the inquest into the death of four victims
of the fire in the Pei Ho Theatre in Kowloon
on the night of September 23, Bartholomew
Vee Ing Shaw, licensee of the theatre, and
Wong San-po, his tenant faced charges at
Central yesterday.

Shaw, who is being defended by Mr. Peter H. Sin,
came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo on three
charges of committing an act of public
nuisance by permitting films to be stored in
a manner dangerous to public safety, failing
to take the necessary fire precautions and
committing a breach of theatre regulations.

Wong, defended by Mr. B. A.
Bernacchi, instructed by Mr.
P. L. Lam, faced one charge of
committing a public nuisance
and a summons of storing 550
reels of celluloid films without
a permit.

The case for the prosecution is
being conducted by Superintendent
C. Mottram.

Outlining the case Mr. Mottram
said a fire occurred in the rear
of the Pei Ho theatre at 9.20 p.m.
on the night of September 23.
The theatre, he said, was a
modern one and is situated in the
midst of tenement houses.

The rear of the theatre adjoins
103 Pak Wa Street and a com-
mon staircase runs between the
two buildings.
The room, where the fire
occurred was part of the theatre
and no application had been made
for it to be used for any purpose
other than mentioned in the
theatre's licence.

Muffled Explosions

On the night in question, while
the show was in progress, muffled
explosions were heard from the
rear of the theatre and flames and
smoke issued from back.

It was the flames that caused
panic among the audience, and
afterwards evidence of a mad rush
for exits could be seen from the
slippers and cloes strewn about
the theatre and on the footpath
outside.

The building adjoining the
theatre consists of three stories,
the ground floor occupied by a
shop and the upper floors by
employees of the theatre.

The flames travelled up the
stairway, through the banisters into
the room on the first floor
used by second defendant for pro-
cessing and drying highly in-
flammable celluloid films.

The Fire Brigade arrived in
wood time and soon had the fire
under control. Four people were
found trapped on the roof of the
building and these were rescued
by fire escape ladders.

Four other persons were less
fortunate and subsequently died.

Straw With Films

Mr. Mottram then said he would
produce witnesses to show that
the room was strewn with films,
both on the floor and in spoils.
Second defendant, with or
without the knowledge of first
defendant, stored a large quantity
of film cuttings in drums in the
cellar of the building.

The Government Chemist would
say that, in his opinion the fire
originated in the cellar.
This witness would say that the
initial explosion was caused by
the film cuttings coming into con-
tact with the damp air in the
cellar and that a spark ignited
the films.

The explosion was of such force
that it blew out the party wall
leading to the scavenging lane.

After evidence was given by
Mr. C. Terry, Government
Chemist, in which he gave expert
opinion of his visit to the scene,
and examination of various
materials sent to him from the
fire, further hearing was adjourned
to February 10 and with
February 17, 18, 25 and 28 fixed
for the hearing of the case.

Tinned Milk, Butter Seized

Revenue officers on duty at the
Kowloon-Canton Railway station
between December 12 and 14
seized further quantities of tinned
milk and butter from outboard
passengers.

The goods included four 12 ozs.,
39 1-lb., one 17½ ozs., two 2-lbs.,
six 2-½ lbs., and five 3-lbs. tins
of powdered milk; 95 2½ ozs. and
188 14 oz. tins of condensed milk;
two 1-lb. tins of butter, and one
2-lb. tin of margarine.

The above were, on the appli-
cation of Revenue Inspector D. H.
Knox, ordered by Mr. W. H.
Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday to
be confiscated.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. el Arculli, Commis-
sioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade,
Hong Kong District, dated December 21
follow:

HONG KONG SUB-DISTRICT
Ambulance Duties: 20.12.48 to 1.1.49,
Central Division,
Football Match Duties: Sat. Dec. 26,
Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m. SCGA Division
Sun. Dec. 26, HK Football Club Chung
Sing Division: Mon. Dec. 27, Caroline
Hill 4 p.m. SCGA Division; Navy Ground
4 p.m. SCGB Division.

KOWLOON SUB-DIVISION
Ambulance Duties: 27.12.48 to 2.1.49,
Kowloon YNCA Division.
Chinese Trade Fair Duties: As detailed
in 34/48 Part 1 Orders.

Drill Parade: Sunday, January 2,
Final Rehearsal Parade, Caroline Hill 9.30
a.m. HK Nos. 1 and 2 Corps, Kowloon
Nos. 1 and 2 Corps, All Hong Division.
Dress—Review Order, each Divi-
sion will parade with one stretcher and
equipment. Div. Surge and Hon. Officers
will attend.
Promotions and Appointments: Corps
Supt. Wong Kam Cheung promoted
A/Dist. Officer w.e.f. December 20; Major
G. L. Vay appointed Corps Officer Dist.
HQ w.e.f. December 20; Cpt. Chan King
Wai, Shaikwan Div. promoted A/D
w.e.f. December 20.

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HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW

Hong Kong's new Defence Force Ordinance, which sets up a new Volunteer force of 6,000 to replace existing volunteer organisations, became law yesterday when it passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council.

Unofficial views in support of the Bill were expressed by Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr. P. S. Cassidy. Sir Man-kam Lo said it was bitterly disappointing that so soon after the end of the war we should have to talk of the creation of a new defence force, but viewing the situation as it existed, it was purposeful to indulge in vain regrets.

Mr. Cassidy urged that Government should take the public more into its confidence. And if trouble does come on us, let us at least have the satisfaction of a clear conscience that we have done everything in our power to help, and nothing to hinder, the Colony in getting prepared for any future.

Urgent Matter

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who next spoke, said he was in agreement with Sir Man-kam. He went on to say that he quite appreciate the reason why this bill is being dealt with as an urgent matter, but it has given as little time for consideration. I do not, however, intend to delay its passage nor can I put forward any concrete suggestion for its amendment. What I do ask for is that full consideration be given by Government to the question of whether the scheme fits the requirements of today. In this connection I commend to my honorable friend a letter which appeared in yesterday's newspapers raising certain points which should not be ignored.

No Vain Regrets

"It is not however my purpose to indulge in vain regrets. We have to face the situation as it is, and in view of this situation, I have no hesitation in giving full support to this Bill. It has been suggested that instead of having Defence Force as contemplated by the Bill, involving such a great capital expenditure and heavy recurrent expenses, the true needs of the Colony could be met at a fraction of the cost by the Defence Force by the formation of a Special Police Force, the members of which could be trained in the use of arms of all types, and which would be available for duty the year round as an adjunct to the Regular Force.

"You, Sir, and the Attorney General have referred to the lengthy consultation, both in London and in Hong Kong, and between all the Services, and have stated that the present scheme is the result of such consultation. It is inconceivable to me, as a mere citizen, that such an alternative to a Defence Force had not been duly considered and found wanting. I accept the scheme now presented to this Council as one evolved by those responsible for the overall defence of the Colony and as being essential for Hong Kong.

"There can be no question that complaints by the C. who in December 1941 responded to the Colony's call, and by the dependents of those who gave up their lives in the defence of the Colony, of unfair and discriminatory treatment, and indifference to their families, are justified, and must be removed. As I understand the Bill, its provisions are an earnest attempt to remove the cause of these legitimate complaints. I can definitely say that the Finance Committee of this Council has never been slow or hesitant, by its financial votes, to remove or mitigate these complaints. And it is because I am convinced that Government is aware of these complaints and seeks their removal through the instrumentality of this Bill that I give it my ready support.

"Sir, for us, as for so many parts of the world, the future is shrouded by the uncertainty and may be menaced by danger. In this situation, and on this issue, I hope the Colony will be united in support of this Bill. I plead for

enough to support my plea for consultation with those whose services are sought."

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougal, replying for the Government, said he would like to make a few general observations arising out of the remarks made by the two unofficial members.

In the first place, he said, he would like to assure Council that the fullest consideration had been given by Government to the general question whether the scheme would fit present-day requirements. He assured Council that it would.

"The scheme is not solely designed for the present day need," continued Mr. MacDougal. "The Bill as it is presented stands, contains a long-term plan for the reorganisation of all the volunteer services in the Colony."

"The preparation required to bring us to the point where we can offer this Bill before Council began in the sense and for the reasons which Sir Man-kam Lo has expressed. It began as soon as we returned to the Colony after the Japanese surrender.

Expert Advice Taken

"The active preparation of the Bill was in progress for 18 months, and I can assure Council that all expert advice, locally and at Home, has been fully consulted."

"The scheme now before Council in this Bill is devised to take care of the defence of the Colony in its broadest sense, including internal security. It is not aimed at any particular enemy, but is devised in fulfillment of responsibilities which lay on organised community since history began."

"Mr. Cassidy has made an earnest plea that we should take into our full confidence particularly the young men who will be members of the reorganised Defence Force."

"This implies that we have some secrets. I assure Council that on this issue we have no secrets. The whole plan was disclosed in its full outline by His Excellency the Governor at the last meeting of Council. Many of the details have, of course, yet to be worked out, discussed and finally decided. But by and large we have nothing upon the whole plan to hide, much less to withhold from intending members."

"My honorable friend has referred to recreational facilities; and there has been in the newspapers certain comment and references to what is called a bait. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate what His Excellency said at the last meeting, that facilities which were sketched at the first reading of the Bill, are not a bait. They represent recognition by the community of its responsibility to its own army. What is offered now brings Hong Kong's own army into line with what is done with other armies."

Welfare Activities

"I need not remind Council of the important part which welfare

activities occupy in modern armies. I do not think that this Colony, before the war, ever gave unserved recognition of its responsibility to the Volunteers. These facilities, then, are not a bait, but a due. Stated in a nutshell, you may say that if a body of men who bind themselves by solemn oath to fight and if necessary to die for their community, that community has a moral duty to offer these men the best it has. (Applause.)

"Before I sit down I should like to define very briefly in case there is any misconception, the role for which the Volunteers are designed to play. It can be stated in one sentence. The role of the Volunteer is to guard internal security, to support the police in need, and if necessary and if required, to support the Army."

The Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, then wound up the debate and on his proposal the Bill passed on through the second and third reading.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Lieutenant and Mrs. R. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yu, Messrs. C. F. Sun, T. C. Kung, C. C. Nish, I. Barfield, C. H. Koo, S. Fong, and M. Brower.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Captain and Mrs. H. T. Chinn, Messrs. W. I. Chubb, J. D. Duncanson, and E. M. Allison.

Among the passengers who embarked at Southampton for Hong Kong by the ss. Dilwara on November 20 were Mrs. K. L. M. Asby and child, Mrs. A. Burt and Miss P. W. Burt, Mrs. P. A. Blanchford and two children, Mrs. L. H. Caudrey, Mr. A. J. Cameron, Mrs. P. G. De Chair and three children, Mrs. D. C. Dorman, Mrs. D. C. Hare, Mr. W. G. Gilmore, Mrs. C. F. Jones, Mr. V. O. Jackson, Mr. P. D. Johnson, Mr. B. Kimmond, Mrs. T. R. McLeod and child, Mr. T. E. McGuckey, Miss M. C. McCorkindale, Mrs. J. M. F. Powell, Mrs. C. D. Sparks, Mrs. E. L. Sadler and two children, Mrs. H. S. Workman, Miss J. M. Workman, Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, and Mr. F. T. Williams.

Mrs. G. Ettinger, Miss G. Ettinger, and Sister M. Bernard left the Colony yesterday for Swatow by the ss. Hanyang.

Messrs. J. Bridge, L. R. Home and Miss A. M. Hunter left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Singapore.

Among the passengers who left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Szechuen were Messrs. M. W. Mendon and Abdul Rahman.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

No Loans

Sir,—Readers of your excellent newspaper would be grateful if you would banish the expression "to loan" from your columns.

Should you agree to this suggestion, your paper will undoubtedly bear the majority of English language newspapers in eradicating a flagrantly objectionable expression from our language.

Of course it is in the U.S.A. that it is used widely, but now it seems that English language newspapers throughout the world have been infected. It is painful to criticise the U.S.A. because Americans, in my opinion, contribute so much to keeping our language alive and robust, but the use of the word "loan" as a verb, in modern English at any rate, is quite unacceptable.

In today's issue you report proceedings at the London B.C. enquiry. The column contains the following sentences:—Sherman had loaned Stanley 12,000 (should be "lent"), and also "Sherman was, therefore, understandably glad to meet, and even loan money to somebody" (Lend). I am reminded of the occasion in the House of Commons when a Minister of the present Government, in reply to a parliamentary question, stated that "personnel had been loaned on a temporary basis."

This answer was very badly received by the opposition, and as most answers in the House are actually prepared by Civil Servants in Whitehall, I remember discussing the event with my Superior (I was a worker in Whitehall at the time). To my surprise, he vindicated the sentence (after all it was perfect Whitehall) by saying that one "loaned personnel but lent money." Nothing was said regarding "temporary basis."

Perhaps we shall be reading about "Moneylenders" soon.

K.J.H.

Blackwood Convention

Sir,—I appreciate very much your articles on Contract Bridge in the "China Mail" daily. It will be very kind enough of you if you will tell me briefly all the details about the Blackwood Convention as I do not know it thoroughly.

Before the war, I read a book called "Safety Play" by Mr. Franklin. This book contains 100 hands only and seems to me very valuable. Unfortunately I lost it during the war time and cannot get back another one, although I have written to Foyle's.

Book Sellers, London, for purchase. If you have this book or can buy one for me, and I will pay you back the cost, it will be much thankful.

Your faithfully,
Y. F. CHIU.

(The Blackwood convention is simple enough. A suit of Four No Trumps from your partner requires a disclosure of ace. If you have no ace, you call Five Clubs, with one ace you call Five Diamonds, with two aces you call Five Hearts and so on. If your partner calls Five No Trumps he is requesting disclosure of Kings which you answer in precisely the same way.—Ed.)

HKCC Ground

Sir,—May I have one more word on the subject of the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground.

First of all, may I as a member of the public, thank Mr. H. Owen Hughes for his masterly handling of the main case which (so it seemed to me) omitted nothing. I note that he promised that the case, which he set out in detail, would be presented to the Government with all possible force. It is plain that it could not be in better or more competent hands.


For all I know the Government may not be able—at this juncture—to explain themselves more fully in public than they have done. It may be that, in the end, a different playing field will have to be found. Facts have to be faced. That is not, however, the end of the matter. Mr. Owen Hughes went out of his way to refer, inter alia, to the social club adjoining with associations of its own and a value to an important section of the community that cannot be minimised.

Any niggardly handling of that matter by the Government would be as unjust as it would be impolitic. It would not be fair to the Government however, to anticipate anything of the kind.

For my own part I believe that Mr. Owen Hughes and his friends will in the end get all the concessions that they are willing to press for. They speak as Trustees in an important cause. No well advised Government would ignore or endeavour to minimise their case as with such fairness and skill it has been set out.

CHARLES LOBEY

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SALAZAR SUPPORTERS IN DEMONSTRATION

Lisbon, December 21.

Two thousand supporters of the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Salazar, demonstrated tonight in favour of his nomination for the Presidential election.

This was the first public reaction of supporters of Dr. Salazar to the decision of 81-year-old General Luis Norton de Matos to stand as Opposition candidate—the first time in 22 years that anyone has come forward to oppose the President, Marshal Oscar Antonio Carmona.

Lately there have been persistent rumours that Dr. Salazar would be the Government's candidate in the elections.

While the Premier held a meeting at his party's headquarters tonight, a crowd gathered outside shouting: "We want Salazar only." He was cheered wildly when he made two appearances at a window.

Free Elections

General Luis Norton de Matos announced today that he would

withdraw his name if he did not receive guarantees that the elections in February would be completely free.

General Matos told a press conference here he was sure of victory by a large majority provided the elections are completely free.

He said he had demanded full liberty to conduct his electoral propaganda campaign, including a complete lifting of the press censorship, and had been assured by the Portuguese Premier, Dr. Salazar, that he would have "sufficient liberty" in this respect from January 3.

General de Matos added he had made two conditions which must be met if the elections were to be regarded as free: (1) That the Government should reveal, at the time of the elections, the percentage of the electorate which had gone to the polls. (2) That Opposition representatives should be present when the votes are counted.

General de Matos said five weeks was very little time for an electoral campaign considering the fact that the Presidential elections on February 13 are the first in 22 years to be apparently free.—Reuter.

Eire And Unity Of Empire

Dublin, December 21.

Mr. John Costello, Eire's Prime Minister, told Reuters after the signing of the Ireland Bill today: "The Republic will make clear to the world Eire's international position and give proof of unity and good will towards the Commonwealth."

The Bill, severing Eire's last links with the British Crown, was signed without ceremony by the President, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, in the Presidential residence, formerly the home of the Viceroy, in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, witnessed the signing of the Bill which will not become operative until the Government fixes a date in a few months' time.

Mr. Gerald Boland, ex-Minister of Justice in the ousted Flanna Fail Government, told a meeting on Sunday that the party had not wanted a complete break with the Commonwealth although they had voted for the Bill.

They wanted to have a bridge over which the Northern Ireland people could come into a united Ireland.

People were wondering, he said, if the Republic were merely a phase before Eire returned to the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

P. And O. Ship's Maiden Voyage

London, December 21.

The Peninsula and Orient Shipping Company announced today that a new 9,000-ton motorship, the Somali, would leave England early in January on its maiden voyage to the Far East. The third of four ships of her class to enter the service between Britain, Europe, Malaya, China and Japan, the Somali will call at Genoa, Port Said, Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

Two ships of the class already in service are the Soudan and the Surt. The fourth vessel, the Shillong, should be ready in February.

Mainly cargo liners, these ships can accommodate 12 passengers.—Reuter.

Pope Receives Mr. Royall

Rome, December 22.

Pope Pius XII yesterday received in private audience Mr. Kenneth Royall, the United States Secretary for the Army.

Mr. Royall arrived in Rome on Monday night after visiting military installations in Greece and Turkey. He plans to leave on Wednesday for Trieste, Vienna and Berlin to inspect American troops and installations.

Following his audience with the Pope, Mr. Royall called on the Italian Defence Minister, Rinaldo Ossola. He left later for Naples where he is due to confer with the Mediterranean fleet commanders.—Associated Press.

Korea As Bastion Of Democracy

Washington, December 22.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul Hoffman, today said the new Republic of Korea might very well become a bastion of democracy in the Far East.

He made the statement to reporters who met him at the National Airport here upon his return from a 15-day flying trip to Korea, China, Japan and Europe.

Mr. Hoffman said the Economic Co-operation Administration expects to take over the U.S. Army's economic aid programme in Korea some time between January 1 and March 15.

He declined to discuss what he termed controversial matters, including a question as to whether Korean recovery aid would be emphasised because of the critical situation in China.

"There is a very good chance

that Korea can be built into a bastion of democracy," he said.

"Korea may loom up with new importance from now on."

The Army has earmarked about \$5125,000,000 for Korean economic aid for the year ending next June 30, he said, and added that he understood there had been heavy spending to date.

As a result, he did not know how much could be left for ECA to carry the programme through June.

The Administrator said he would confer with President Truman tomorrow, giving a report on his trip with the accent on the current Chinese situation.—United Press.

BERLIN CRISIS

WESTERN ALLIES FORM MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Berlin, December 21.

Britain, France and the United States today formally established a three-power Military Government to run their sectors of Berlin.

General Jean Ganeval, the French sector Commandant, announced the Western powers' decision. He said the Soviet refusal to attend meetings of the four-power Administration—they walked out six months ago—cannot be allowed any longer to obstruct the proper administration of Berlin.

The door was left open for the Soviets to join in a four-power Commandatura again if they decide to abide by the agreement to which the four powers are committed.

Today's announcement was not expected to make much real difference to the administration of the Western sectors, since the three Commandants have been meeting regularly to co-ordinate their actions ever since the Russian walk-out.

Frau Louise Schroeder, the Deputy Western Sector Mayor, told Reuters: "The formation of the new Commandatura is in accordance with the wishes of the City Administration."

"I personally should be very glad if the Soviet Administration were to decide one day to co-operate with the new Commandatura and the legally-elected Administration," she added.

Silly Rumours

Earlier today, General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor of Germany, described reports that the Western powers intended to remilitarise the Western Zone as silly and unfounded.

He told a press conference: "I regard it as significant that these statements have followed clearly upon the foundation of the new German police force in the Soviet Zone and it is not difficult to guess their source."

"Our disarmament and demilitarisation policy speaks for itself," he added.

Declaring that the Western authorities had insisted on small police forces, General Robertson said: "It would be naive to believe that after all we have done in the matter of disarmament we should tolerate the resurgence in the guise of a police force, of any kind of military formation."

"The Germans have a good sized job on their hands in rebuilding the peace economy of Germany. Let them get on with it and we shall do our best to help."

Soviet Force

"In my opinion the Soviet Zone police force is excessive in numbers and in arms, and not consistent with Allied agreements on disarmament."

General Robertson said he by no means believed that economic disaster was just around the corner for Western Germany.

"Coal production has gone forward and has now reached 325,000 tons per day, the high level of ingot-steel production is maintained and the export figures for October and November show that the increase which started last summer still continues."

Commenting on reports that the airlift to Berlin faced a crisis at the end of January, he stated: "The airlift has gone according

Communist Threat In Italy

Rome, December 22.

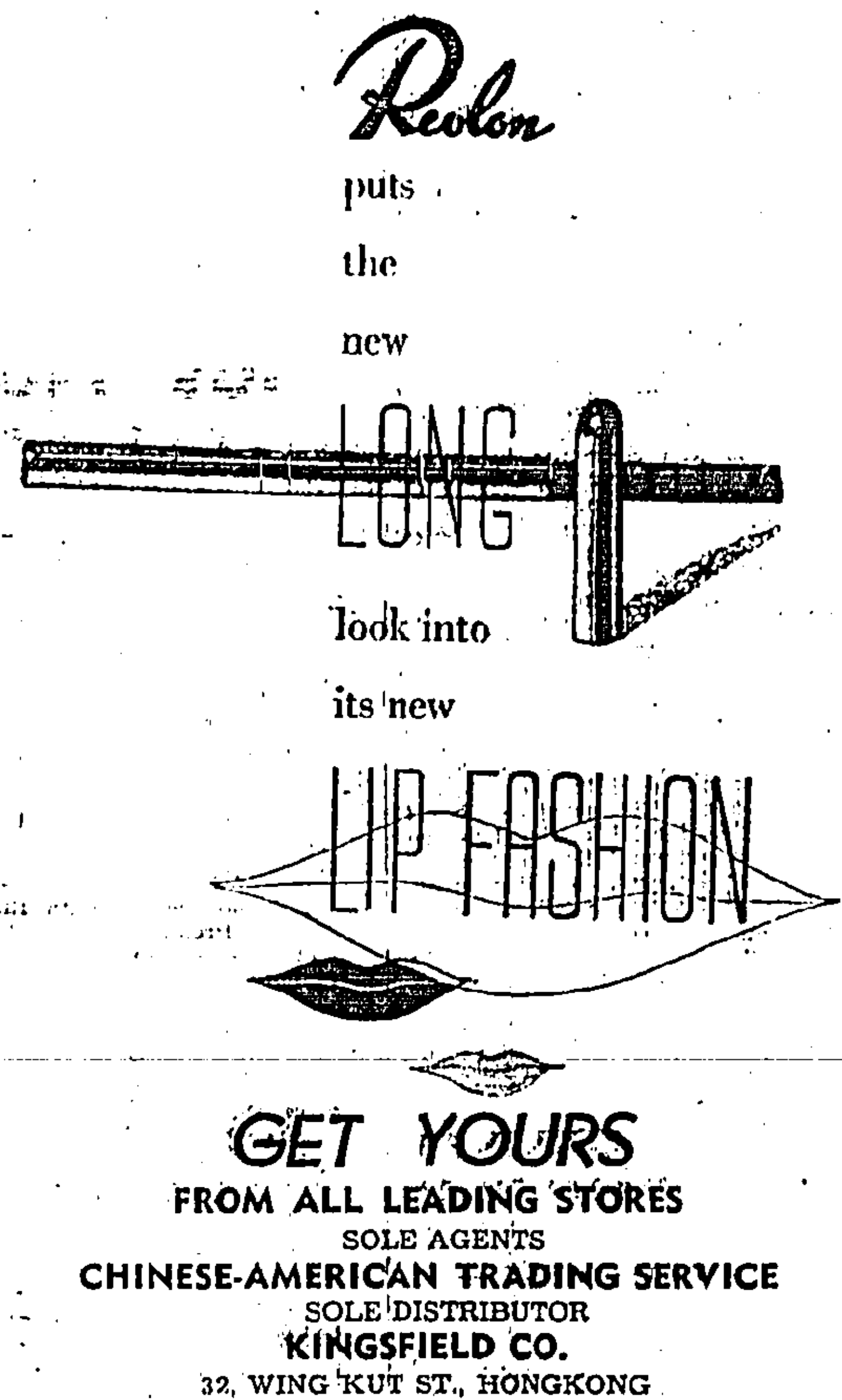
Communists last night threatened swift retaliation if Italy's Government acts against strikers.

The Communist Labour chief, Giuseppe Di Vittorio, warned in the press that the Leftists new protest would be far tougher than Monday's 24-hour strike of railway men and other state workers.

Di Vittorio heads the Communist-dominated Confederation (CGIL) which ordered Monday's strike for higher wages. It cost the Government an estimated 1,000,000,000 lire in lost rail revenue and spoiled goods.

The strike failed seriously to cripple postal, telegraph and other public services.

The Cabinet meets today. Informal sources said it may take sanctions against workers who obeyed the strike call and draft an emergency plan to militarise Government communications workers in event of another walk out.—Associated Press.



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INDONESIA DYNAMITE FOR EAST

Washington, December 21. The Republican Representative, Mr. Walter Judd, declared to the United Press today that the Indonesian warfare represents dynamite for the entire Far East.

He added that colonial warfare furnishes the best possible weapon for Russian propagandists who will gain the old beacon of nationalism and claim they can free Asia from the white man's domination.

Mr. Judd explained that pro-war Japan expanded the idea of "Asia for Asians" and said: "While Japan herself was defeated the idea still lives in the hearts of many citizens of the Orient. What Japan really meant, of course, was Asia for Japan, and what Russia will mean is Asia for the Russians. But Asians will not know that because Russia will be much cleverer about her aims than was Japan."

The Congressman compared the Indonesian situation with China when he claimed, the United States "should" send aid to the Nationalist government.

He said: "At the same time we are supporting the Dutch with recovery programme and while they are waging warfare in Indonesia. I do not say now that we should cut the Dutch out of ECA aid, but it will be interesting to see if we will support Europeans while they fight Asians who are more than willing to support the Chinese who are fighting Chinese." United Press.

"ECA Funds Not Used For War"

Washington, December 21.

The Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Eelco van Kleffens, today asserted that American recovery dollars were not being used to finance the invasion of Indonesia.

"This is on guilders, not on dollars," said Mr. van Kleffens. Leaving after an hour long talk with the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett), the Ambassador told newsmen he had never heard of the possibility that the Netherlands might be cut off from further Marshall Plan aid unless she withdrew her troops from Indonesia.

He said all funds received by his Government under the Marshall Plan were devoted purely to rehabilitation purposes.

"I believe the ERP programme has good supervision and the money did not go into armaments," he added.

Asked how long his Government could finance the invasion without dipping into recovery funds, he replied: "For quite a time."

Mr. van Kleffens said Mr. Lovett clarified the position of the United States in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, but the envoy de-

Washington, December 22.

Government officials are studying the idea of using Marshall Plan millions as a wedge to settle the shooting war in Indonesia.

These officials indicated that if the Netherlands should defy a cease fire order, which may be forthcoming from the United Nations, then the United States might pigeonhole the Dutch requests for further American dollar credits.

Possible resort to this line of action is under study at both the State Department and at Economic Co-operation Administration. Headquarters although officially there is no stated threat to use it.

So far this year a total of \$298,504,075 in the Marshall Plan (ECA) funds has been allocated to the Netherlands, plus \$61,790,950 to the Netherlands East Indies.

The Dutch ambassador, Van Kleffens, denied to newsmen that any ECA funds have been used to arm Dutch troops. But he made it clear that his Government is alert to the possibility of American aid being sealed down or cut off entirely.

The Indonesian envoy, Dr. D. Soemarto, told reporters that the Dutch are diverting ECA dollars in Indonesia "for the purpose of waging a colonial war against freedom loving people."

Van Kleffens received an outline of the American objections to the Dutch "police action" at a conference with the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.

Not Living Up To Terms

The Ambassador said afterwards that ECA aid is needed only to make up for a Netherlands shortage of dollar exchange, and declared that his country could finance a military campaign for quite some time with available resources in guilder currency alone.

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Big Storm In Small Teapot

Washington, December 21. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said here today that he considered the controversy between Britain, Holland and Belgium and the Economic Co-operation Administration over the resale of aluminum shipments a very big tempest in a very small teapot.

Mr. Hoffman refused all further comment. He told newspapermen that he had not discussed the aluminum question with President Truman, whom he had seen earlier. —Reuter.

ROME DECLARES A NEW SAINT

London, December 22.

Radio Vatican reports that the Blessed Joan of Valois, a 15th-century Queen of France, will be declared a saint in the holy year as a result of a decree read before the Pope today approving miracles wrought by her intercession.

The final decree will be granted in the case of the Blessed Joan in St. Peter's Basilica during 1950. Joan of Valois was repudiated by her husband, King Louis XII of France, and retired to found the Order of the Sisters of the Annunciation in 1500.

A decree was also read today approving miracles for the beatification—the preliminary stage of canonisation—of the Venerable Anna Maria Jabouret who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny in France in the last century. —Reuter.

Church's Warning On Indonesia

New York, December 22.

The general Synod of the Netherlands Reformed Church today announced that it sent a letter to the Dutch Government recently regarding Indonesia.

The letter warned that to seek a solution by force of arms would inevitably lead to very great difficulties in the future.

The announcement was made through Dr. Henry Smith, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, who commented: "The Dutch Reformed Church, in opposing armed intervention in Indonesia, is putting into action ideas expressed by the study section on the Church and social disorder of the Friday Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam this summer."

He said the Synod's letter concluded: "The essential thing is that all those who bear responsibility should realise they must help create an attitude of independence responsibility allowing the peoples of Indonesia, including the

ADVERSE COMMENT ON NETHERLANDS ACTION

London, December 22.

The Dutch action in Indonesia continues to meet with adverse comment in various parts of the world.

The Washington Post says the Dutch contention that it is a domestic matter cannot be supported except on narrow and highly unreal grounds.

"The consequences of what happens in the Netherlands East Indies are of very grave concern to the United States," the paper says.

"No doubt the desire of the Indonesian Republic for a peaceful settlement has been more evident in words than in deeds. But the Dutch attempt to kill the United Nations Good Offices Committee good-bye sits as poorly on the tongue as sudden resumption of police action while the Committee was still at work."

Other reactions:—The New York Star: "To the Dutch, self-rule for colonial peoples is all right for everybody but Dutch possessions. It is time Washington and the United Nations talk like Dutch uncles and make it stick."

The New York Post: "Holland has embarked on a programme of might makes right. An act of open aggressive warfare, a naked attack, however understandable in terms of Dutch economy, can only serve to alienate Asia even more disastrously from the West."

Copenhagen:—Danish employees at Kastrup airport—one of Europe's largest—warned that they may boycott all Dutch planes if the Danish Government does not protest to Holland against the Indonesian events.

Baghdad:—The Iraq Government protested "the aggressive Dutch actions against the Indonesian Republic." The protest was unanimously approved by Parliament.

Manila Statement

Cairo:—Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said: "The Dutch action has been encouraged by the United Nations' indifference to the exigencies of justice. Holland has become convinced that the best means of carrying out her imperialism is the use of force and not the fait accompli."

Chicago:—A small demonstration of protest was staged outside the Dutch Consulate.

Manila:—Eleven members of the Philippine House of Representatives issued a statement favouring immediate aid to the Indonesian Republic. —United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

British Businessmen Accused

Karachi, December 22.

Tamizuddin Khan, President of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, today accused certain sections of British businessmen of trying to maintain the monopoly of trade and business with Pakistan.

Tamizuddin Khan said he hoped the British Government would realise the narrowness of the attitude of these men who do not want Pakistan to develop industrially.

Membership of the British Commonwealth did not imply the curtailment of trade with the Soviet Union, which would be a detrimental condition, the President said.

"If our independence can be jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth we shall never think of associating with it but in the present era it is not possible to remain in isolation," he concluded. —Reuter.

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WASHINGTON ORDER TO "SUSPEND" OPERATIONS IN CHINA AID PLAN

Washington, December 22.

The \$70,000,000 reconstruction programme in China by the Economic co-operation Administration has been ordered halted until the situation clears in that strife-torn country.

The Administrator, Paul G. Hoffman, announced the decision yesterday — eleven days after Mme. Chiang Kai-shek made an urgent appeal to President Truman for even greater help to China against the Communists.

Mr. Hoffman's announcement came after he had talked with Mr. Truman on China and Korea.

At the same time the State Department reported that China by last week had used all but about \$6,500,000 of the \$25,000,000 Congress allotted for military aid. By December 17, withdrawals totalled \$118,496,416. In addition the Treasurer had paid out \$1,221,547 on order of the Chinese Government for arms and supplies.

Mr. Hoffman said his decision on reconstruction was reached recently in Shanghai. He indicated ECA would go ahead with the phases of the \$400,000,000 China programme, notably food, so long as terms of the ECA Act are met. Reconstruction projects suspended include war shattered transportation systems and docks. The \$70,000,000 programme was part of the \$275,000,000 Congress voted for all kinds of economic aid plus the military funds.

Planning Stopped

ECA has decided even to stop most of the engineering planning which involves about \$1,000,000 of the \$70,000,000. Exceptions will be a few isolated cases in which no money would be saved by stopping the planning.

After Hoffman's State Department official announcement in the current investigation, told reporters today that Dugan was a victim of persecution. He had been a very good friend and was an honest, straightforward person, — Reuter.

TIGHTENING UP IN THE BERLIN SECTORS

Berlin, December 21.

A tightening up of their organisation was called for today by German leaders in Western and Eastern Berlin.

In the Western sector, the Berlin Social Democratic Party has ordered all its members occupying official posts in the Soviet sector to refuse to sign any declarations of support for the Eastern City Administration without regard to their economic situation.

Members who cannot accept this decision must take the same action as they took under the Fascist regime and withdraw from political life, an official statement of policy said.

This means that they must resign from the Social Democratic Party.

In the Soviet sector, Herr Friedrich Ebert, Mayor of East Berlin, warned employees of the East sector City Council and establishments that he would take a strong line against all those who did not support the

aims of the East City Council. The East City Council would like the closest co-operation with the workers of the Soviet Union and intends to assimilate Berlin completely with the Soviet Zone.

A meeting of 1,500 postmen in the British sector today called for the dismissal of all Communist postmen.

This they said, would create jobs for hundreds of postmen sacked in the Soviet sector because they would not give declarations of loyalty to the Soviet-sponsored Eastern Magistrat. — Reuter.

HOLD-UP CHARGE

Chan Kit, aged 24, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with demanding money with menaces from Leung Wing-tak at the Southern Play-ground on November 10, 17 and 19.

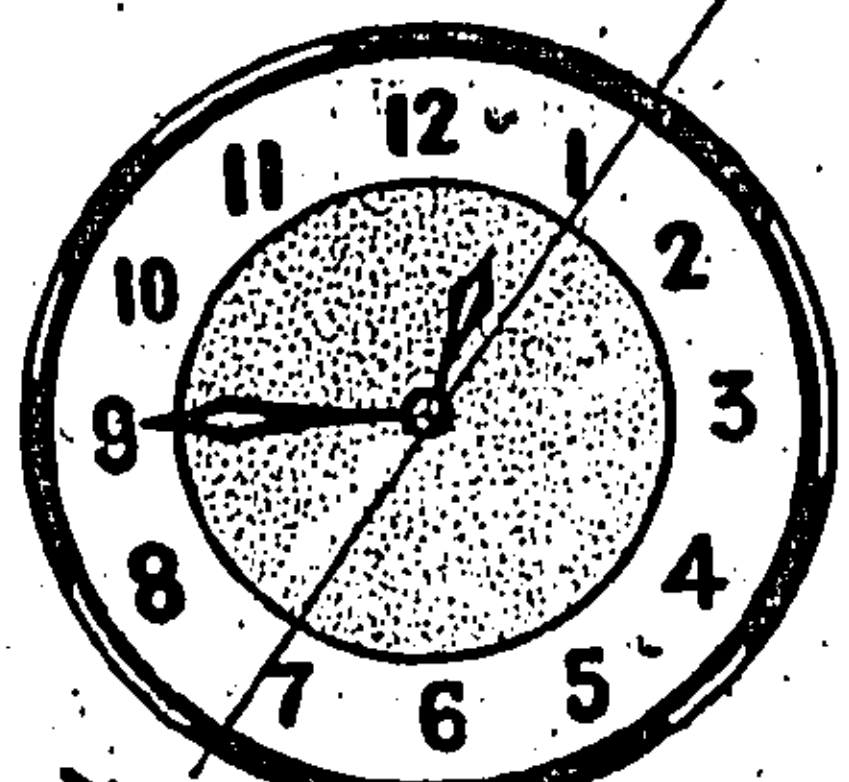
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Confiscation Of Wealth Of Refugees

Nanking, December 22. The Legislative Yuan today adopted an emergency resolution protesting against what it called the arbitrary confiscation of gold bullion and foreign currency from evacuees to Canton and Taiwan.

Legislators demanded an explanation from the Executive Yuan why Shanghai customs officers had confiscated from evacuees bullion and currency exceeding two ounces of gold and US\$100. They claimed that it was legal under the existing legislation for travellers in other parts of China to possess gold bars and foreign currency, but illegal only to trade with them. — Reuter-AAP.

Nazareth Broadcast

Tel Aviv, December 21.

The Jewish State broadcast station "Kol Israel" will make a special Christmas broadcast from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The Church, according to tradition, was built on the site of the Jewish Synagogue where Jesus used to pray.

A Jewish military spokesman said today that the Israeli Chief of Staff had ordered all unit commanders to grant a special Christmas leave of four days to all Christian volunteers in the ranks of the Israeli Army. They number between 70 and 80.

Special ration of meat, chicken, pork, white flour and sweets have been granted to Christian communities throughout Israel. The black-out and curfew restrictions in Arab towns are to be lifted and religious services held even in prisoner of war camps. — Reuter.

"We have had to stop virtually all the long term reconstruction programme in China," he said. "We are holding most of those projects in suspension."

Relief Work

He praised the work of Mr. Roger Lapham, ECA Chief in China, and said it was after a conference with Mr. Lapham that the decision was made to hold up the reconstruction work.

The distribution of relief would continue in the five Chinese cities in which the Economic Co-operation Administration was now operating, even if those cities fell to the Communists, provided any de facto Communist Government guaranteed to meet the conditions prevailing under the present Government.

Those conditions were the safety of ECA personnel and full publicity to the aid originally in the United States. — Associated Press and Reuter.

FOOD & FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs for the week ended December 18, follow:

Rice & Flour	1.2	14,870
Vegetables	1.0	1,250
Oil	1.0	1,470
Salt	0.7	1,470
Tea	2.0	2,000
Salt Fish	0.8	7,800
Fish	0.4	1,040
Pork	0.3	7,800
Firewood	15.0	3,500
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		7,600
Total		\$12,860

New Sun Fo Cabinet Approved By Chiang

Nanking, December 21.

Dr. Sun Fo's list of nominees for China's new war Cabinet has been approved by President Chiang Kai-shek, reliable sources reported tonight.

The list contains the names of seven new Ministers, three new Chairmen of Commissions represented in the Executive Yuan and the Director of the Government Information Office.

The list will be submitted to a meeting of the Kuomintang Central Political Council tomorrow for final approval before official appointments are announced.

This meeting was earlier postponed twice today to enable Dr. Sun Fo to continue his last-minute consultations with the nominees.

After the list had been revised, it was understood that it had been submitted late today to President Chiang Kai-shek. The new nominations made by Dr. Sun Fo today were believed to include General Hau Yung-chang, the present Chief of Military Operations, for the important portfolio of Defence instead of Dr. Sun Fo's earlier nomination of General Yu Tai-wei, who was expected to remain Minister of Communications.

Alterations

Mr. Liu Wei-chih was understood to have been nominated Minister of Industry and Commerce instead of Admiral Huang Shao-hung. The following alterations to Dr. Sun Fo's other tentative nominations were understood to have been made:

Minister of Communications, General Yu Tai-wei.

Social Affairs: Mr. Ku Cheng-chang.

Food: Mr. Kuan Chi-yu.

Forestry and Agriculture: Mr. Tse Shien-sheng.

Water Conservancy: Mr. Chung Tien-ying.

Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs: Mr. Pai Yun-ti.

Director of the Government Information Office: Mr. Shen Chang-huan. — Reuter.

Fell 38 Feet From Trapeze

London, December 21.

A Danish trapeze artist, Gladys Andersen, aged 22, fell 38 feet at a London circus today and was taken to hospital to be treated for a suspected fractured ankle.

A circus spokesman said: "Miss Andersen was hanging by her toes from the trapeze over one of the entrances to the ring when she fell." Miss Andersen, who has never been outside Scandinavia before, partners a Swede, Eric Soeder. They have been performing together for two and a half years.

Her real name is Gladys Tilly and she has been living with her mother in Horbada, Sweden. Her mother is believed to be temporarily in Copenhagen, her home town.

Gladys was trained with the Fortis sisters. She once fell 24 feet in the Casino Anchus, Denmark, but was able to work again the next day. She left Sweden less than a month ago to take up a six-weeks' engagement with Bertram Mills' Circus, one of the world's biggest circuses. — Reuter.

ECAFE TALKS NOT FAILURE

Sydney, December 22.

Prince Prasauk Sukswat, leader of Siam's delegation to the recent conferences of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, said before leaving Sydney by air today that he did not consider the conference had been a failure.

"It has accomplished as much as was possible in the time allowed," he said. "Although there will be no immediate results, I feel sure the conference will bear fruit in the near future."

The prince added that he hoped trade agreements between Australia and Siam, which badly needed Australian machinery and rolling stock, would result from his visit.

Mr. K. V. Novikov and other members of the Soviet delegation, who left by air today, declined to discuss the results of the ECAFE conference. — Reuter.

Successful Tests Of New Drug

London, December 21.

Four years of research by British and American scientists has resulted in successful tests of a new drug, chloromycetin, which experts say will reduce scrub typhus, which killed thousands of Allied troops in the Far East to a trivial risk.

The last stage of the research was carried out in Malaya by an American army team with Dr. Lewthwaite and Dr. S. R. Savodon of the Malaya Institute for Medical Research.

Because of the increasing tempo of experiments with this new drug in efforts to combat scrub typhus, research laboratories in Malaya had to make urgent calls for mice.

At one period of the experiments, there was such a shortage that cables were sent to Melbourne, London and Manila. As a result 1,500 mice arrived by air within a few days.

The quest for the drug began at Yale University where Dr. Paul Burkholder experimented with a mould collected from soil in Venezuela and from it isolated an

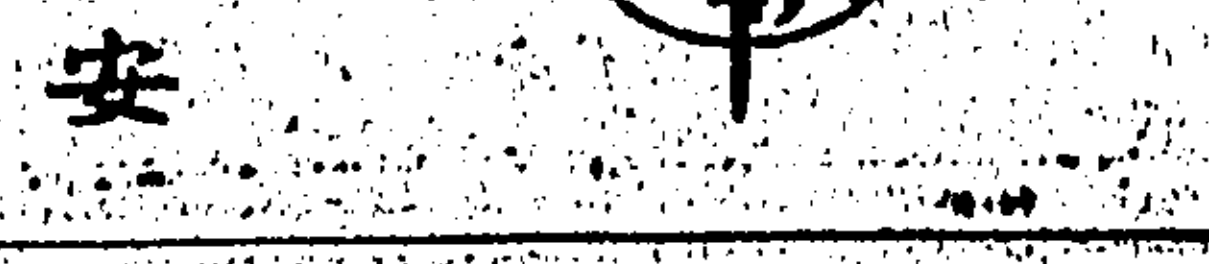
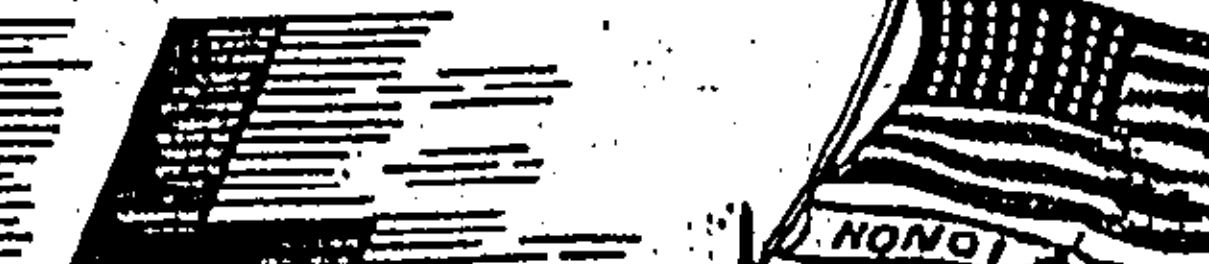
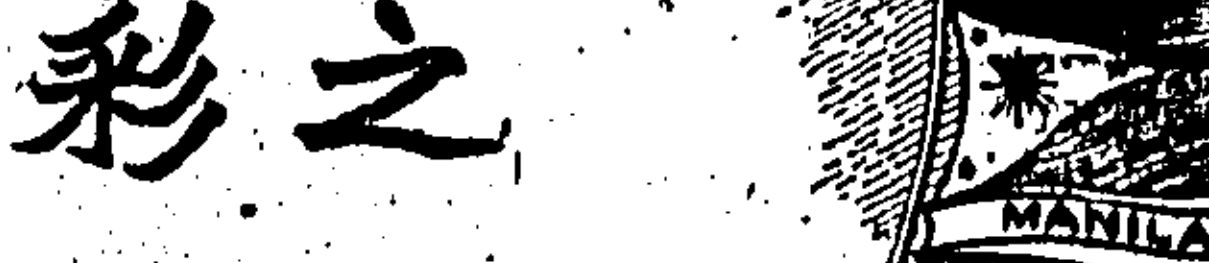
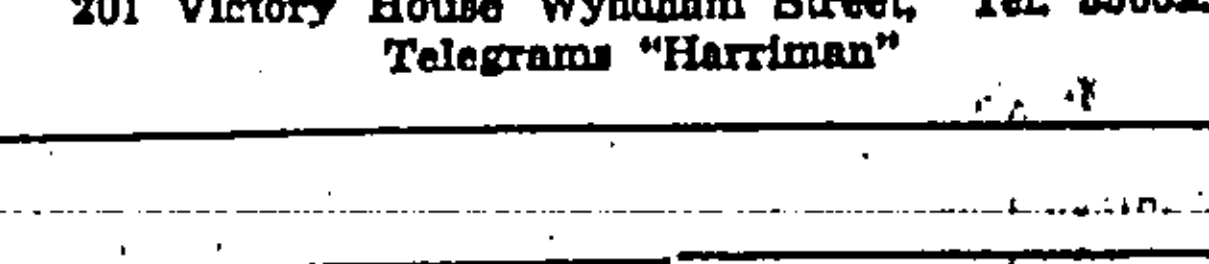
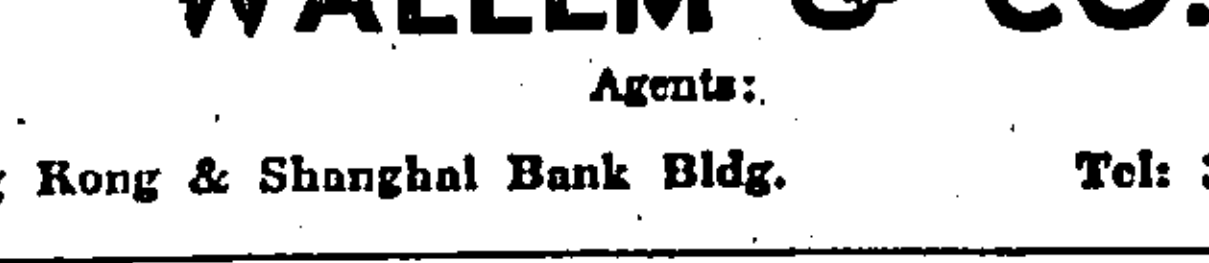
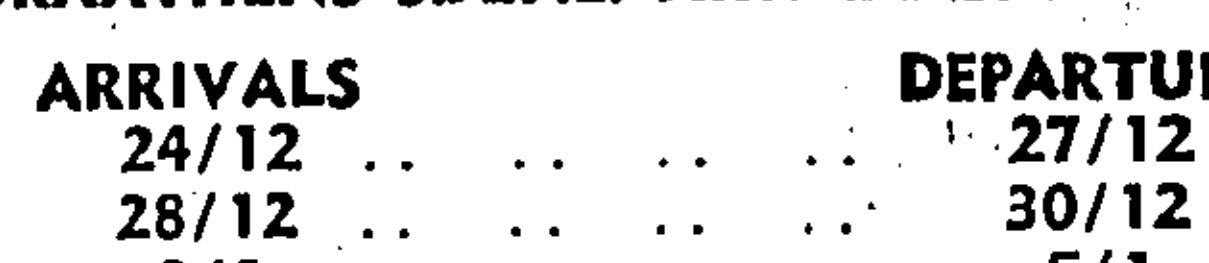
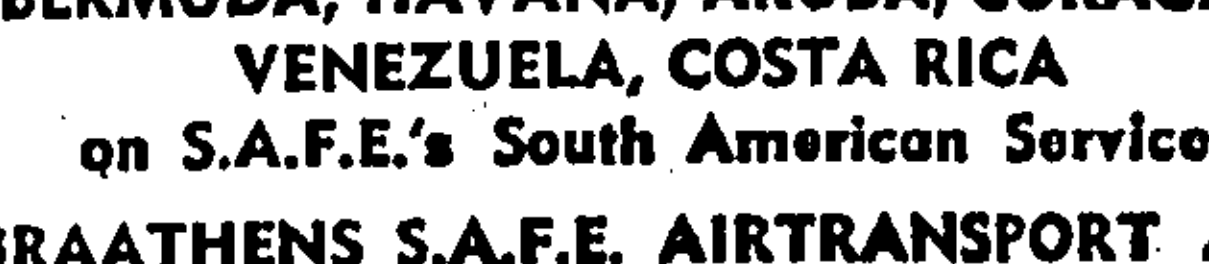
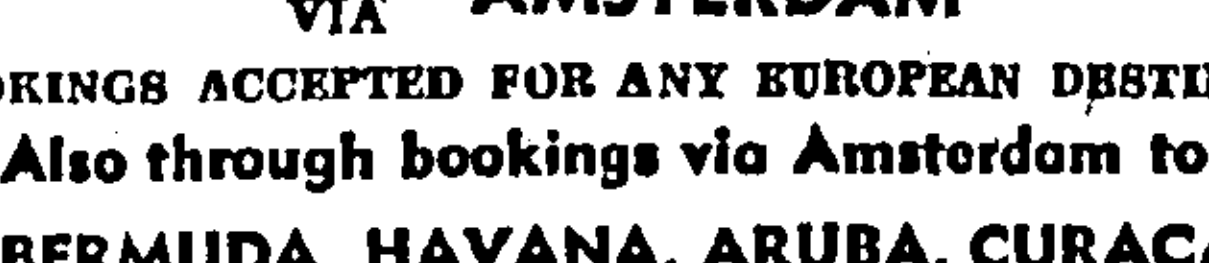
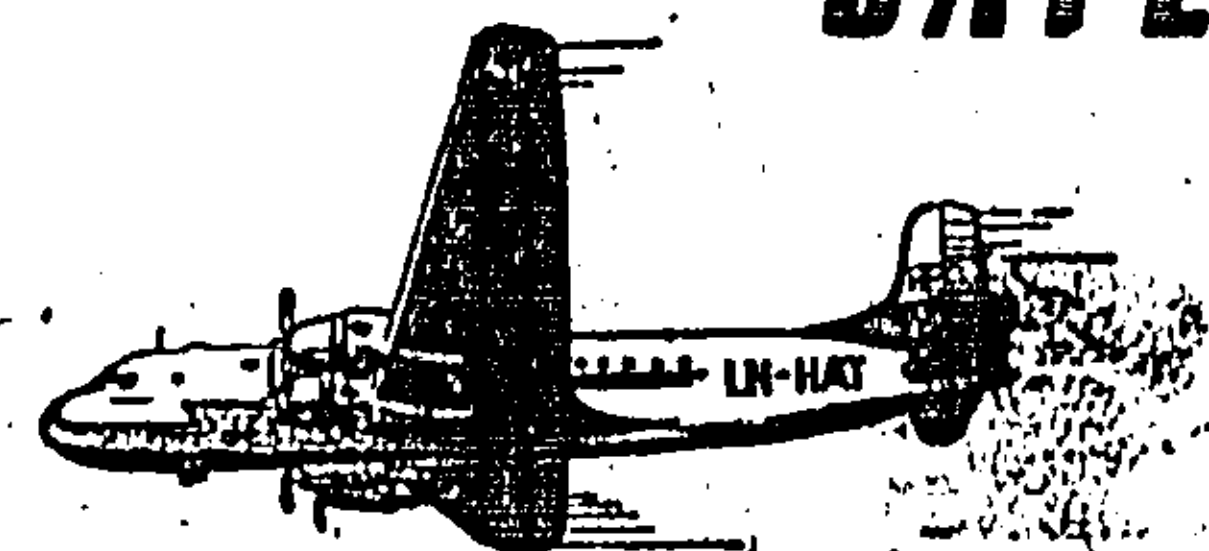
extract that showed anti-bacterial properties.

He referred this extract to research laboratories of Parke Davis and Company of Detroit. Later Dr. J. E. Smadel of the American Army Medical School, carried out experiments with the new drug and as a result, Americans asked permission to test the drug on human scrub typhus in Malaya in March, 1948.

A United States Army Medical unit flew to Malaya, taking with it the world supply of chloromycetin—it weighed just one pound. Within 24 hours they were treating three cases of human scrub typhus, all of whom recovered.

A sudden outbreak of the disease on an estate near Kuala Lumpur gave the scientists 40 more cases to treat again. They treated them all without failure. — Reuter.

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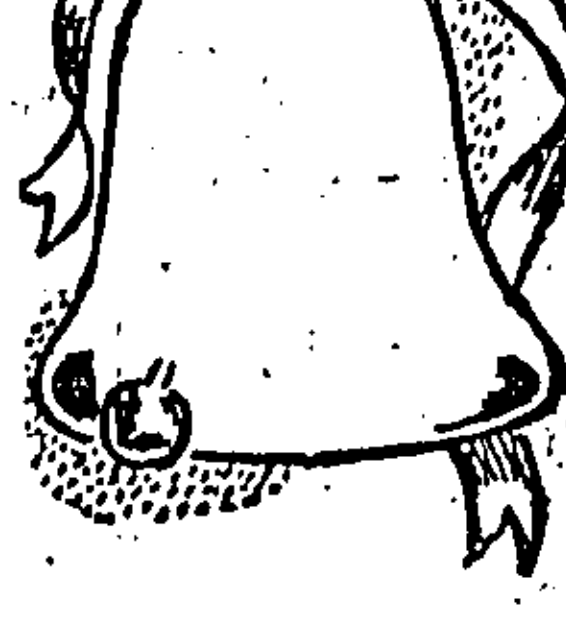
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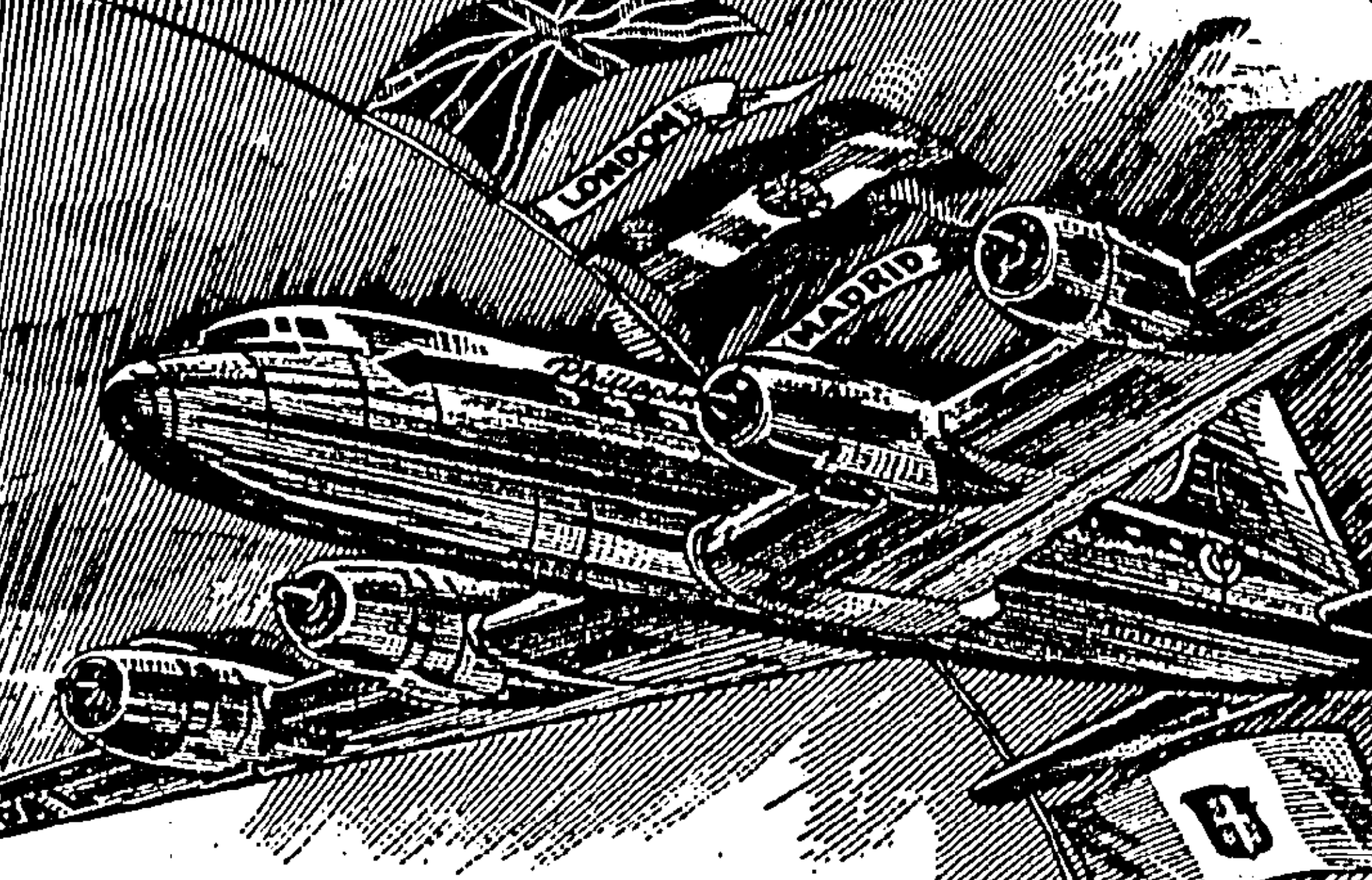
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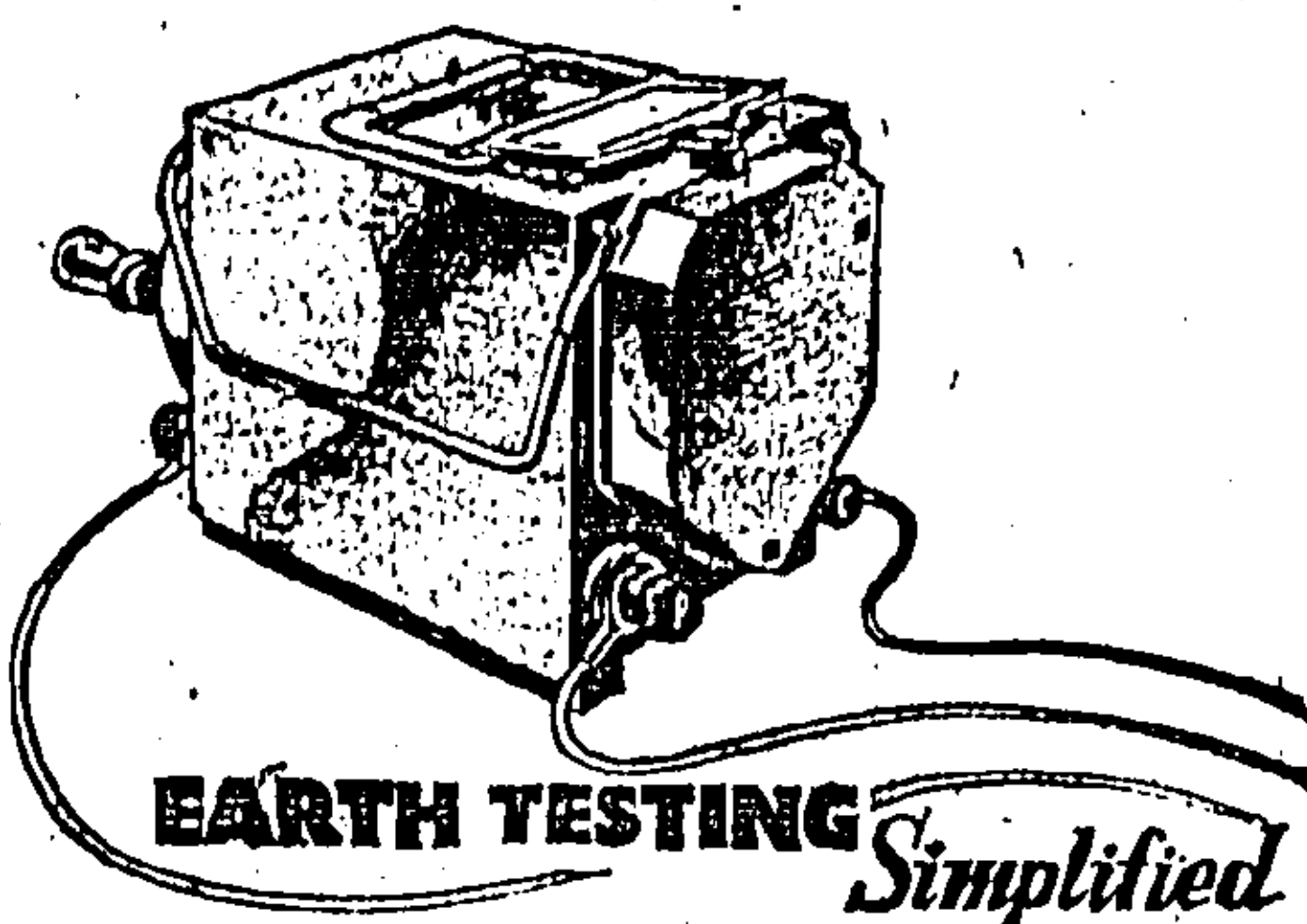
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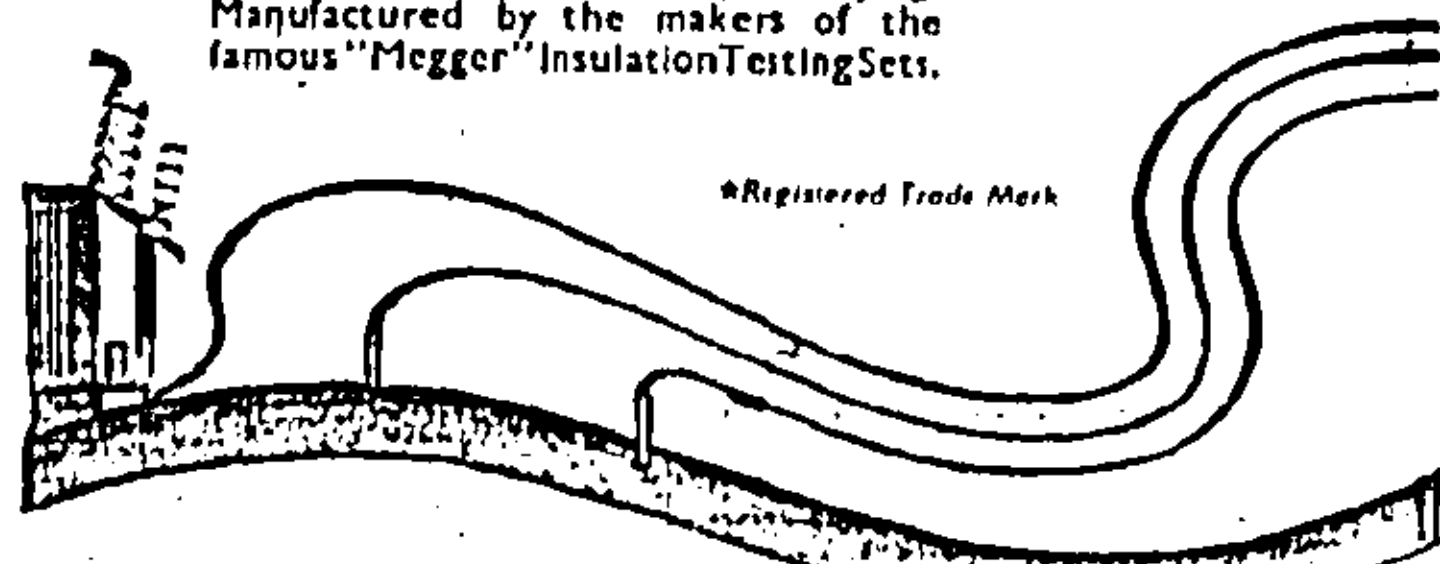
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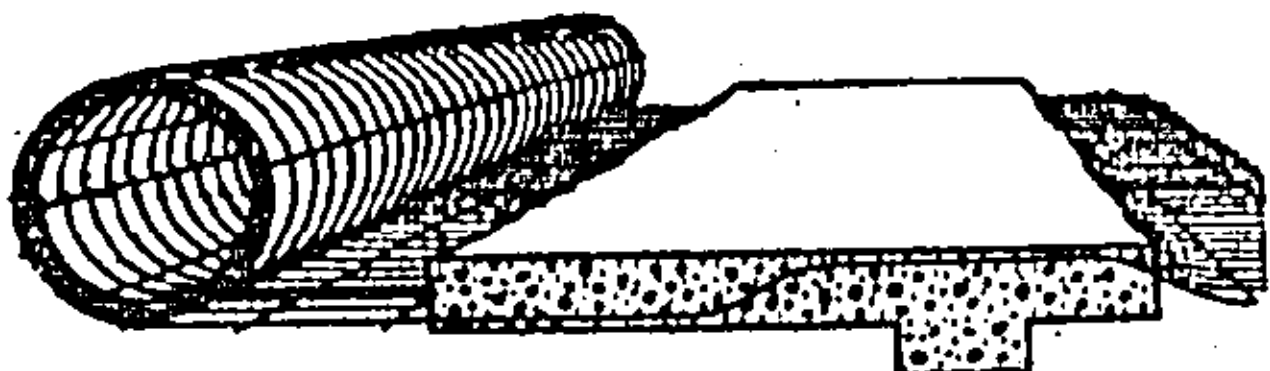
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ENGINEERING PAGE

PAINT RESISTANT TO GREAT HEAT WILL REDUCE FIRE RISK

By Charles Lynch.

As a result of laboratory research carried out by the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Australia can now produce paints which will resist temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Use of these special pigments will, it is believed, reduce the general risk from fire as the new paints would form semi-protective coverings for buildings.

The Butyl titanate paint when tested on the main flue stack of the brown coal power station at Yallourn (Victoria) was most impressive in its performance. Normally, one ounce of steel per square foot is removed every six weeks, at the Yallourn flue stack.

Importance to the steel and building industry, and new applications of the process may be found in other important commercial outlets.

The conclusive results obtained to date are based on careful laboratory work only, and the next stage will be extension to commercial production.

Corrosion Checked

After 32 weeks the new paint was found to be in excellent condition, however, and the usual corrosion was effectively checked. Test samples of ordinary paint applied at the same time had entirely disappeared.

In addition to its heat-resistant properties the new paint also provides superior protection against salt water corrosion, and is thus of importance to the Australian shipping industry. Preliminary and incomplete tests show that ships require painting less frequently in order to maintain efficiency, and as the new paint is not inflammable, fire risk will be greatly reduced.

The basis of the new interesting product is Butyl titanate, which is produced from rutile and ilmenite, major components of the heavy beach sands deposits of the Eastern Australian coast. Recently, plans have been made to work similar deposits in the State of Western Australia.

Australia has good supplies of the rare minerals which come from the beach sands. The importance of these sands has been considerably enhanced since one of them, monazite, has been recognised as a source of thorium. Thorium is of importance in the development of atomic power.

Zircon From Sand

Among the companies exploiting the beach sands products is Zircon Rutile Ltd., of Melbourne (Victoria) which has an up-to-date laboratory at Botany Bay (New South Wales) and carries out experimental research at South Yarra (Victoria).

The company collects the sands in dragline scoops and bulldozers and the recovery plant employs a flotation process which removes the zircon, ilmenite, monazite and other constituents are recovered magnetically, leaving behind the rutile.

Australia is the world's largest producer of zircon, which is officially listed with rutile and ilmenite in production statistics. Last recorded figures (for 1945) estimated annual production values as £A69,088 (\$221,008).

The beach sands resources may easily result in Australia becoming the pioneer producing country in exploitation of a product of

Dry Yarns Can Be Spun

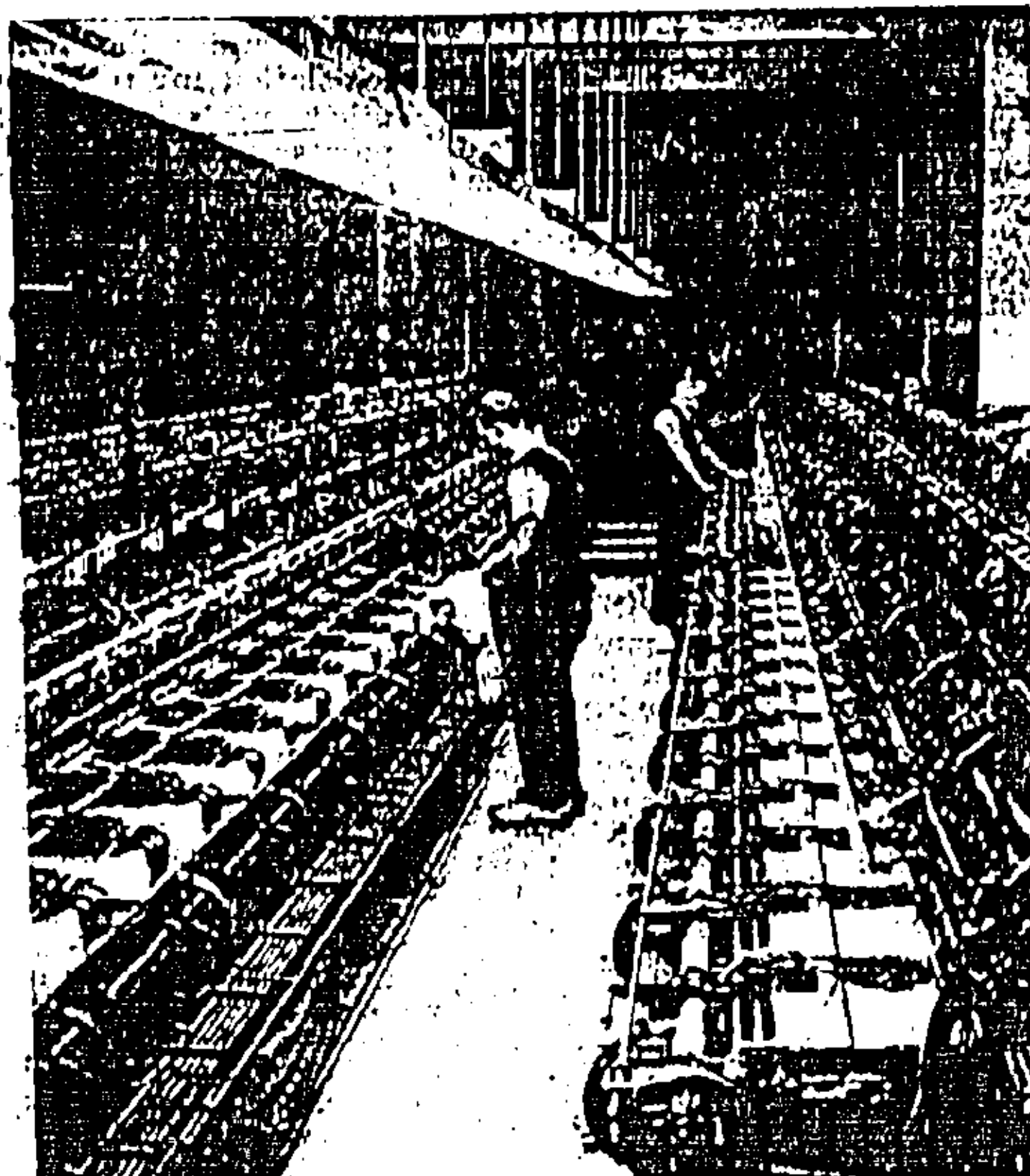
An entirely new system of roving, spinning and twisting machinery, which opens up far reaching possibilities for the centrifugal spinning of all dry fibre yarns, has been invented by an English firm, Prince-Smith and Stolls of Birmingham, England, U.K. The system is regarded as the greatest development since Sir Richard Arkwright invented the yarn spinning frame and Samuel Crompton the spinning mule.

The centrifugal system of spinning wet yarns has been known ever since the turn of the century when in connection with the viscose process, C. Topham invented the spinning box, a revolving cylinder in which the very tender filaments were coiled by centrifugal force as they were drawn from the spinning bath. The significance of the present new invention is that the centrifugal spinning of dry fibre yarns is now possible for the first time. The system involves machines for drawing or roving, spinning and twisting, each of which may be used with other textile machinery of the normal type.

To gain full advantage of the system all three types of machine must be used together. In each process the principle is the same. The machines will continue to run through meal-time breaks and on overtime without attention.

Other advantages include higher speeds, larger packages, fewer end breakages, far less labour, less floor space per pound of yarn, and higher quality yarns at lower cost. The new system was designed primarily for the worsted spinning industry. The inventor firm will concentrate on this section but Britain's Textile Machinery Makers' group, with which the inventor firm is associated, will develop the system for processing spun rayon, cotton and other natural fibres. Manufacture of the new machines involves special plant now being installed, and it will be some time before the machines can be offered for general use in the textile industry.

Powder Makes Them Glow



This weaving mill is one of the many factories which have found tubular fluorescent lamps to give the high quality lighting required for the work.

The light of TL lamps is produced by the fluorescence of a powder on the inside of the tube, this powder being made luminous by the action of ultraviolet radiation.

Since it is of great importance that this ultraviolet radiation is generated with high efficiency, a low pressure mercury discharge is used, and as the pressure of the mercury vapour depends upon the temperature of the tube, the latter has to be made in certain dimensions. These and other considerations led to the development of the now familiar long tubular lamp.

For a gas discharge lamp a distinction is made between the arc voltage and the striking voltage. By arc voltage is meant the voltage between the terminals when the lamp is burning, whilst the striking voltage is the voltage necessary to start the discharge, this latter voltage being generally much higher than the former.

To restrict the striking voltage various means can be applied, one of which is the use of preheated electrodes, which are connected by means of a bi-pin cap and lamp holders. Furthermore the lamps are provided with an ignition strip, a thin conducting strip running along the length of the lamps. Philips are now turning out some types of TL lamps. These are supplied for different colours

of light. Which of the colours is preferable in a certain case depends on the circumstances. Generally speaking for utility lighting (offices, factories, technical drawing etc.) the white colour will be chosen; this colour blends well with the light of incandescent lamps as well as with natural daylight.

In cases where a colour rendering similar to that with natural daylight is required (as in the textile and graphical industries) the "daylight" colour will be preferred, while, for a warm, cosy lighting (restaurants, living rooms) a warm white colour is recommended in several countries.

As mentioned before, the performance of the lamps depends largely on the right pressure of the mercury vapour being maintained. In case of a low ambient temperature the luminous flux drops to a low level and there may be difficulties in the striking of the lamp. The lowest practical temperature limit is about 5°C. High temperatures too cause the luminous flux to drop, though not to the same extent as in the case of low temperatures.

The lamps are not very sensitive to mains voltage fluctuations, in which respect they have an advantage over incandescent lamps. (Sole agents for Philips TL lamps, Manners Engineering Limited.)

Arc Welding

Among new outlets for arc welding by technique in Australia is a railway for logging trucks. This track is being used by the Australian Pulp and Paper Mills of Burnie, Tasmania, for the haulage of logs to its mills for paper manufacturing purposes. The design of the railway tracks comprises bogie frames of cast steel, and an all-welded main frame, built on the box-girder principle, from 14 inch and 12 inch mild steel plate. In order to avoid distortion fillet welding was employed in the technique. The main frame of the track is built in four sections. The chief features of the general design are perfect alignment and minimum of distortion.

ROBOT CHESS

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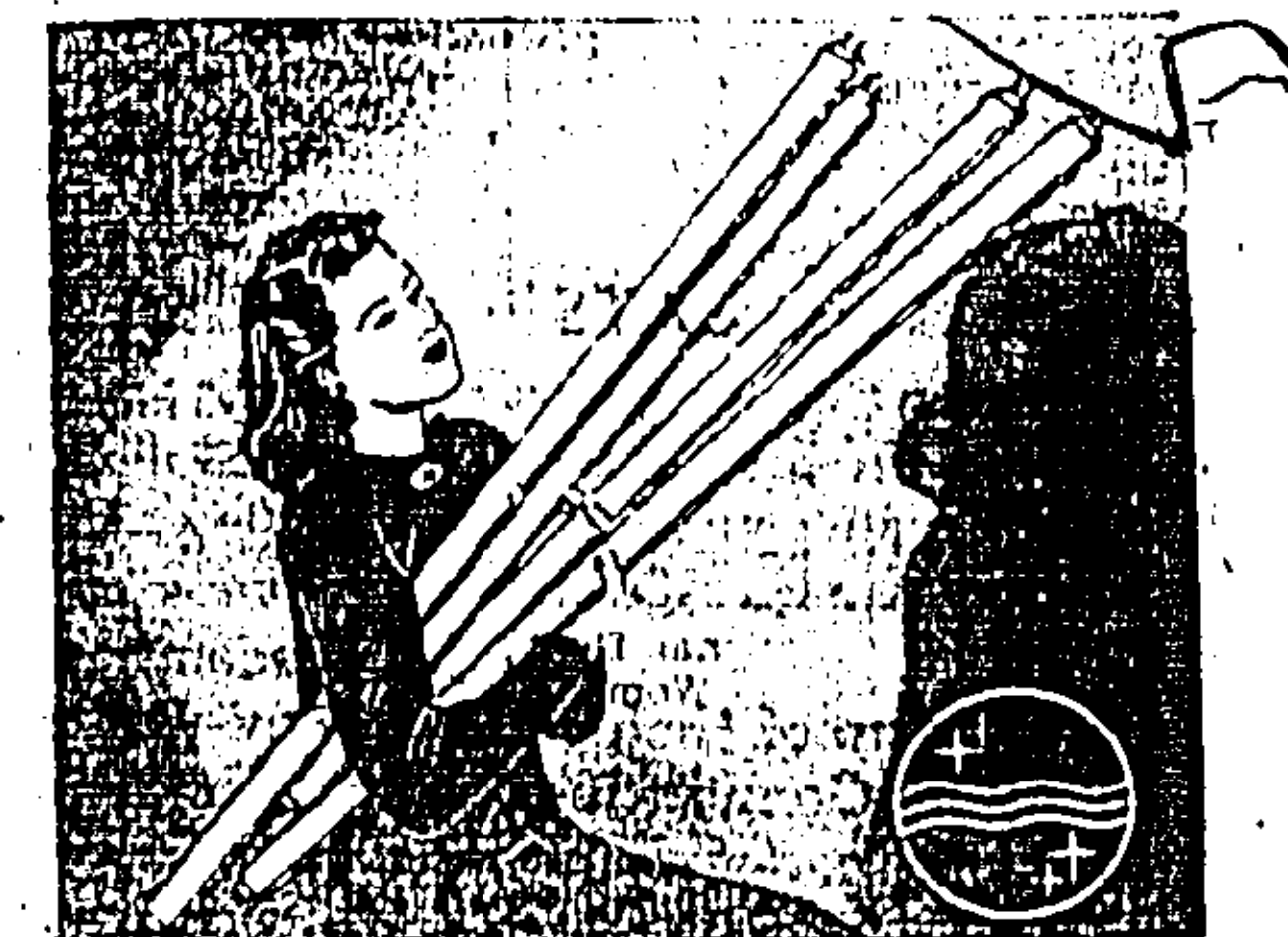


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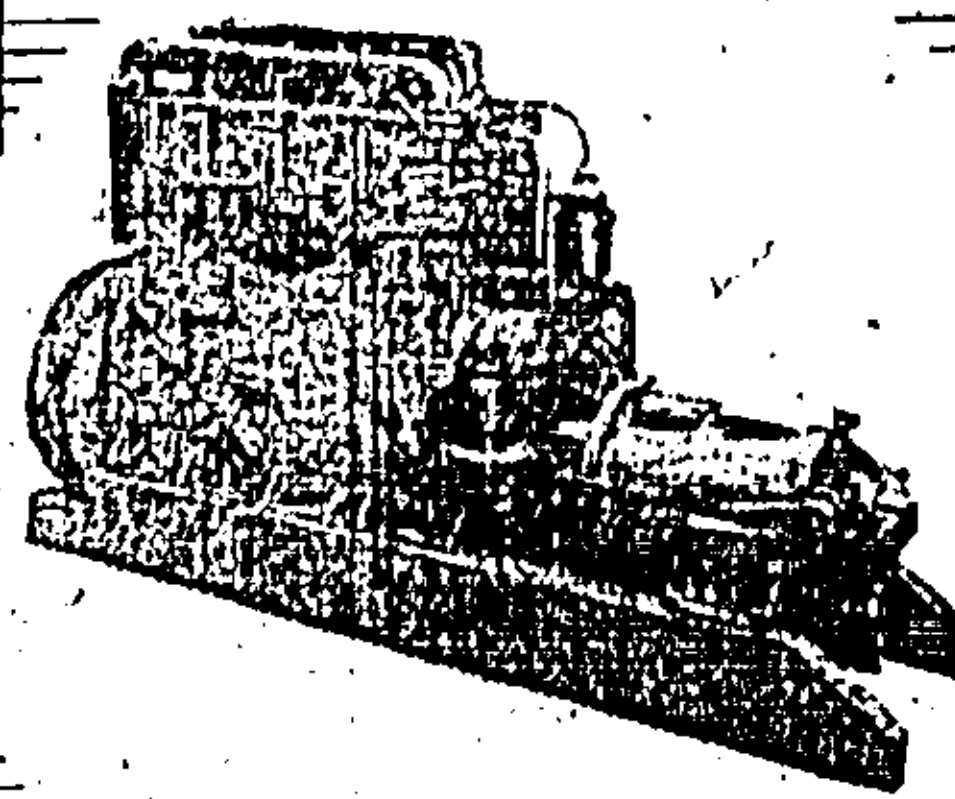
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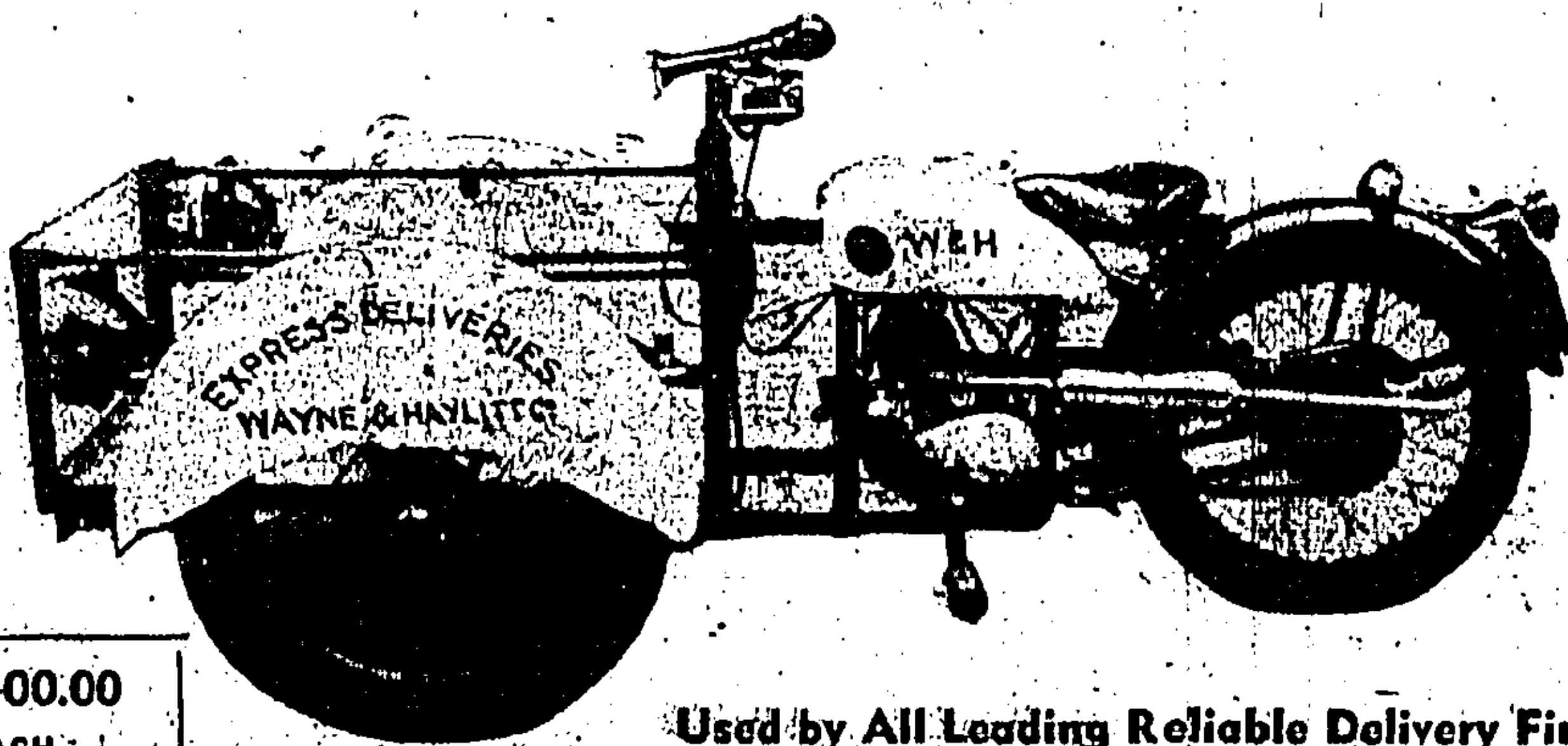
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"Mike Trent," the Elliott boy predicted, "there may be Christmas carols, but I think there's going to be plenty of trouble."

"Now I'm going to appoint some committees," Marion said. "Les Morgan and Mike Elliott will build something to resemble a fireplace and chimney. Build it at the window near my desk. Santa can enter through the window and emerge from the fireplace." She went on appointing other committees, forcing the factions to work together. Then she played an ace and printed on the blackboard:

THE PRICE OF BEEF
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Under each locality, she wrote the price of beef was bringing at the shipping centres. Mike Elliott watched her set down the figures. "Doggone it, Scatter Creek beef is the lowest. And it's the best. He stopped and choked back the remainder. "I guess those figures tell the story," he concluded lamely.

Daily, the pupils hurried through their studies in order to perform their committee work, and Marion did not for one minute allow them to forget the winner of the Eagle-Bear contest would not have to take final examinations.

Bill Gallop dropped in one afternoon. "I hear you've invited the Elliott and Morgan old folks to a Christmas tree," he said. "That's the craziest thing I ever did hear. I'm going to be on hand with a posse, to check the slaughter."

"You're going to buy yourself a red suit and whiskers and be Santa Claus," Marion told him. "Me?" Gallop was almost speechless. "I never done anything like that in my life." He shook his head. "You sure know how to make slaves out of free men." He sighed. "I'll be your Santa Claus, but I'll pack my six-shooters, ready to quell the riot."

Several days later, when Dolph called, she outlined some of her Christmas plans to him. "I would like to meet all the Elliott women at the schoolhouse next Thursday afternoon," she said. "I want them to start making gifts for their children—things that can be hung on a Christmas tree. I'll dismiss the children, so they won't be around hearing the plans."

"I don't think much of this Christmas business," Dolph grumbled, "but I'll tell 'em." Marion sent a similar message to the Morgan women, then began to worry over the outcome. What would happen when Morgan and Elliott women met under the same roof?

Jeff Morgan's Alma was the first married woman to arrive. She had left her cheerful, grinning baby home, and without him in her arms, she looked less frail. A spring-wagon load of Morgans came next, followed by two loads of Elliott women.

Most of the women were thin and tired. Marion could see each was haunted by fear of the feud. Mothers feared for husbands and

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sons—young wives feared for their husbands. And they were almost too weary to hate each other. The Elliotts gathered on one side of the room, the Morgans on the other.

Conversation buzzed until Marion stood up, then the lined faces lifted and eyes studied her curiously. Perhaps the children have told you of the coming celebration," she began. "You aren't supposed to know this, but they are making presents for you, so don't let on that I've told you, and be properly surprised when the time comes."

Something of warmth, of light, filled the stuffy eyes. Here and there women whispered. "I've found out what most of the children would like to find in their stockings and I've bought the material so that you can make their presents. This should be done during the day when they are in school. And I suggest that you deliver everything at the schoolhouse two days before Christmas so that Santa Claus can make up his pack."

An hour of discussion followed, during which the rival factions regarded each other enviously. Each leaned over backward to be polite and, when they had gone, Marion felt like having a good cry.

Those haunted faces would remain with her for a long time to come. She fell asleep that night, wondering if the women would think the low price of beef with the fact they had to make instead of buy Christmas gifts for their children. Certainly, both Elliott and Morgan women had looked at the figures on the blackboard during the discussion.

The report on the competition between the Eagles and Bears, plus the carrying out of Christmas plans, the days passed swiftly. And then, just as Marion felt things were really in hand, a rifle shot rang out on the still afternoon air.

The report came from the room above and she ran to the window, thankful the children were well on their way home. She looked up and saw Jed Morgan driving a badly skidding buckboard down the switchback. His sister-in-law, Alma, clutching the baby in her arms, was being low. As they rounded a sharp turn, the buckboard almost upset. A large package bounced out and rolled down the rocky slope. It broke and the contents scattered.

Again the rifle cracked. Jed Morgan slumped in his seat just as he was putting on the brake to make the next curve. The buckboard tilted on two wheels, rolled back, tilted again and overturned.

Marion screamed as she saw Alma and the baby hit the slope ten feet below the road. The baby bounced several times and was lost in the brush. Alma crawled toward it while Jed rolled a good hundred feet before disappearing into a dense thicket. The horses raced away, kicking the buckboard into splinters as they ran.

Marion looked up as the third shot rang out. Briefly, she saw Dolph Elliott outlined against the bright, hard sky, then he put his black stallion down an almost sheer slope. It was a daring, thrilling bit of horsemanship. Marion saw that he was heading directly for the thicket into which Jed Morgan had taken cover. She hardly remembered leaving the schoolhouse, running into the cabin and picking up the shotgun Bill Gallop had lent her.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

MYSTERY MIGRATIONS FLIGHTS CAUSED BY ATOMIC ENERGY?

New York, December 22.

Atomic energy may have started the mysterious migration of birds from one continent to another.

This energy, coming from radioactive heat in the earth, split continents apart, and very slowly separated them by thousands of miles of water.

The splits came between bird feeding and nesting grounds. As the waters widened, countless generations of birds learned to fly farther and further to cross the water and return once a year.

The extreme example is the Arctic tern, which annually flies 10,000 miles, from its nesting grounds in North America, to feeding grounds in the Antarctic continent.

The theory of migration was offered before the Geological Society of America by Dr. Albert Wolfson, of North Western University, Evanston, Illinois. The new atomic energy explanation for continent-splitting was reported by Dr. C. W. Wolfe, of Boston University.

For many years geologists have believed that continents long ago slipped apart and then

drifted thousands of miles apart.

Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Bailey Willis, of Stanford University, said that all the continents, oceans and mountain ranges can be explained by the action of atomic energy, in the form of radioactivity zero to 100 miles deep in the earth.

This radioactivity heats underground rocks from time to time, sometimes over underground areas thousands of miles wide. This swells the molten rock so that it pushed up blisters at the surface.

Still Growing

These form mountains and continents. The blisters also collapse, Dr. Wolfe said, and ocean waters fill the depressions.

This filling is slow and accounts for the apparent drifting of continents. It accounts for the known fact that there are now great oceans in some places that were once large continents.

The atomic energy work has not stopped and Dr. Willis said: "The earth is still growing from below."—Associated Press.

Woman Involved In Scandal?

Tokyo, December 22.

A leading woman Diet member, Mrs. Shizuo Kato, was summoned by Tokyo procurators yesterday for questioning for alleged involvement in the Government textile scandal.

Mrs. Kato is charged with having received one million yen from Kiyoshi Uemura, textile magnate and the central figure in the scandal.

The procurators are attempting to determine whether this money was a bribe.—Reuter.

PHILOSOPHER TO VISIT COLONY

Palo Alto, December 22.

A Stanford University expert on philosophies and religions of the Orient will sail today for six months of studies in China, India, Siam and Ceylon.

Dr. Frederic Spiegelberg will make the trip under a Rockefeller grant aboard the President Wilson.

He will depart at Hong Kong and visit briefly at a Buddhist monastery. Then he will fly to Bangkok for a week in another Buddhist monastery. Two months will be spent in Southern India.

In May, he will go to remote Tibetan monasteries, high in the Himalayas.

Mules and hardy guides will be required to reach the isolated monasteries and hermit caves on the slopes of 28,000 foot Kanchenjunga.

His headquarters for a month will be Peking, one of the most important of the monasteries. He has spent ten years studying Sanskrit and Pali, dialects of the early Buddhist scriptures. He also speaks Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, French and English.—Associated Press.

Less Aid For Britain

Paris, December 21.

The Executive Committee of the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation disclosed today that Britain has reduced her second year Marshall Aid requirements by 25 per cent from \$1,263 million to \$940 million.

The Committee, giving estimates of ERP aid required for the year starting July 1 next, said that only three nations—Norway, Greece and Turkey—had asked for more in the second year.

The American-controlled German Bizon asked for about the same. The Committee began today considering the \$3,300 million second-year aid programme to be submitted to European Recovery Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, in Washington.

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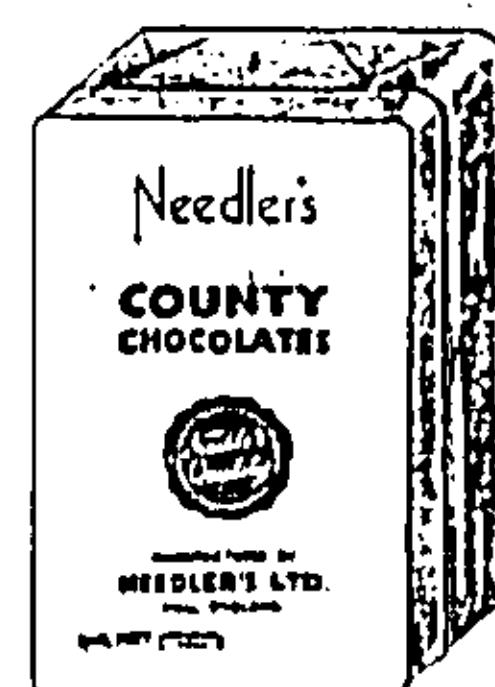
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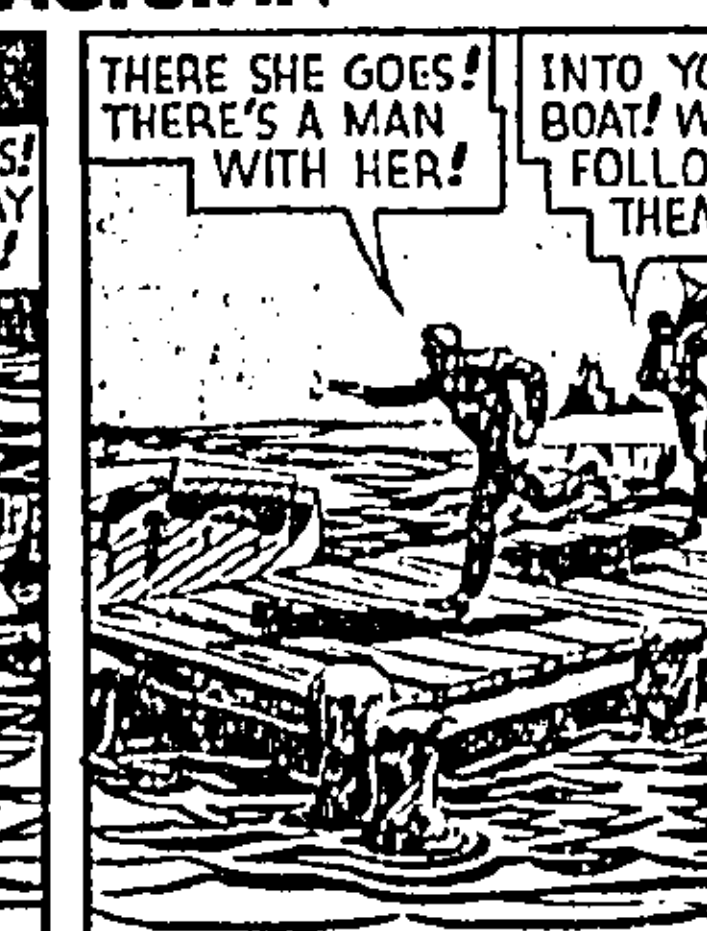
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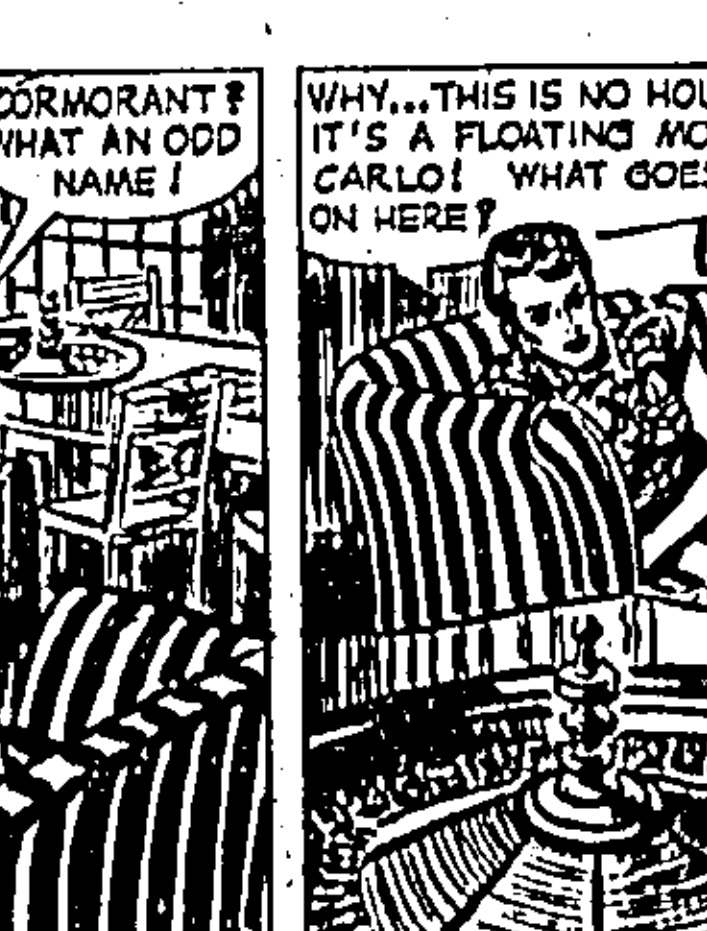
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U.S. DENOUNCES USE OF FORCE IN S. AMERICA

Washington, December 22.

The State Department today denounced the use of force in effecting political changes in Latin America.

It said in a statement that the use of arms is increasingly a danger to the countries of this hemisphere.

British Proposal To Russia

London, December 22.

Britain has proposed to Russia a one-year agreement to secure from Russia 1,000,000 tons of coarse grains and 500,000 tons of wheat for the year 1949.

This short-term contract was offered to Russia because it may be found impossible to reach the projected long-term trade agreement with Russia in time to ensure Britain's grain supplies for next year.

Britain is not counting on receiving grain supplies this season from any Eastern European countries other than Russia. Even if Britain receives maize under the projected Anglo-Yugoslav trade agreement, it would be a very small contribution towards her essential needs.

Authoritative British sources affirm that it would be only with the greatest reluctance that Britain would transfer her proposed purchases of grain from Russia to the Western Hemisphere. The price Britain would have to pay for grain from the United States and Argentina would be somewhat lower than the price Russia would ask but it must be paid in hard currencies.—Reuter.

Giant Tree For London

London, December 22.

The Mayor of Oslo, Mr. H. E. Stokke, today formally presented a Christmas tree, 20 metres high, Norway's gift to London, to the British Minister of Works, Charles Key, amid cheering crowds in Trafalgar Square.

Sea Scout Dale Goff, one of the two British boys who went to Oslo in October to "choose the tree, touched a switch and the tree became a tower of coloured lights.

The evening newspaper, The Star, said tonight in an editorial: "The tree in Trafalgar Square symbolises even more than the friendship cemented in the war of Britain and Norway.

"It stands for Christian friendship, for generosity of heart and family ties.—Reuter.

The Department issued the statement on policy as it disclosed that the United States is consulting with a number of Latin American countries on what might be done to stabilise the hemisphere politically.

The move came in the wake of a series of revolts and uprisings during which three Latin American Governments were overthrown and eight others threatened.

The Department said that the United States had assured the Latin American Governments of its concern.

It said the United States wishes to make every legitimate and useful effort to encourage democratic and constitutional procedures.

"Diplomatic"

It added: "In the view of the Government of the United States of America the use of force is an instrument of political change is not only deplorable, but is usually inconsistent with the acknowledged ideals of the American republics and is increasingly a danger to all countries of this hemisphere.

"If this use of force continues, it cannot fail to become a sufficiently serious issue to engage the attention of the American republics as a whole."

Action Wanted

The Department announced it had asked these Republics to suggest action to strengthen the democratic and constitutional framework of the Governments of the continent.

The Department noted that the United States has told the Foreign Ministers of all Latin American States to which the United States has granted recognition that it would make every legitimate and useful effort to encourage democratic and constitutional procedures.

In any such effort, the United States would of course be faithfully consistent with international American commitments and procedures.—Associated Press and Reuter.

RUSSIANS ELECT THEIR JUDGES

Moscow, December 22.

Citizens in three regions of the Soviet Union went to the polls today to elect judges for the People's Courts.

The election in other regions of the USSR will take place between now and early February.

The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia said today: "The working people nominate for the People's Judges men and women with great experience of life, who understand the policy of the Bolshevik Party and who are able to apply it.—Reuter.

Strachey Gives Out Some Xmas Cheer

London, December 22.

Britons will get a slight addition to their tightly-rationed diet for Christmas.

The Minister of Food Mr. Strachey, has allocated an extra half pound of sugar, a quarter pound of tea and two ounces of candy for each ration book holder. Normal weekly rations are a half pound of sugar, two ounces of tea and three ounces of candy.

A small amount of non-rationed meat loaf and sausage has been added to butchers' normal supplies.—Associated Press.

Bulgaria's Call For Communist Getting Together

Sofia, December 21.

The Bulgarian Premier, M. Georgi Dimitrov, has called for closer co-ordination of the work of the Communist parties in all countries under Soviet leadership.

He told the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress here: "Our party sees in international collaboration with the great Stalin at its head the guarantee for the independent existence of our country and its advance towards Socialism."

M. Dimitrov said the weakness of the capitalist world and the assistance of the Soviet Union had made it possible for Bulgaria to achieve Socialism by popular democratic methods instead of working class dictatorship.

"The whole future of our people depends on the power of the Soviet Union and on the determination of our people to attack the capitalist powers to accomplish their duty in the common struggle," he said.

Speaking of Yugoslavia, whose Premier, Marshal Josip Tito, is at loggerheads with the Communist, M. Dimitrov attacked the "bourgeois Chauvinist—Tito group," claiming it had sabotaged preparations for a South Slav Federation which would have brought Bulgarians and Yugoslavs together in a unity which had

been a common ideal for centuries.

Bulgaria had been prepared to enter such a Federation since last September, he said.

"In spite of the treason of the Tito leadership we do not doubt the fidelity of the Yugoslav Communist Party to internationalism and to Marxism-Leninism."

He denounced alleged anti-Bulgarian propaganda in Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia. Bulgaria would achieve national unity and become a free nation within a South Slav Union.

Bulgaria had no hostile intentions towards her neighbours but wanted to live in friendship and co-operation with all nations.

M. Dimitrov said the Communist Party in Bulgaria had grown from 25,000 members in September, 1944, to nearly 500,000.—Reuter.

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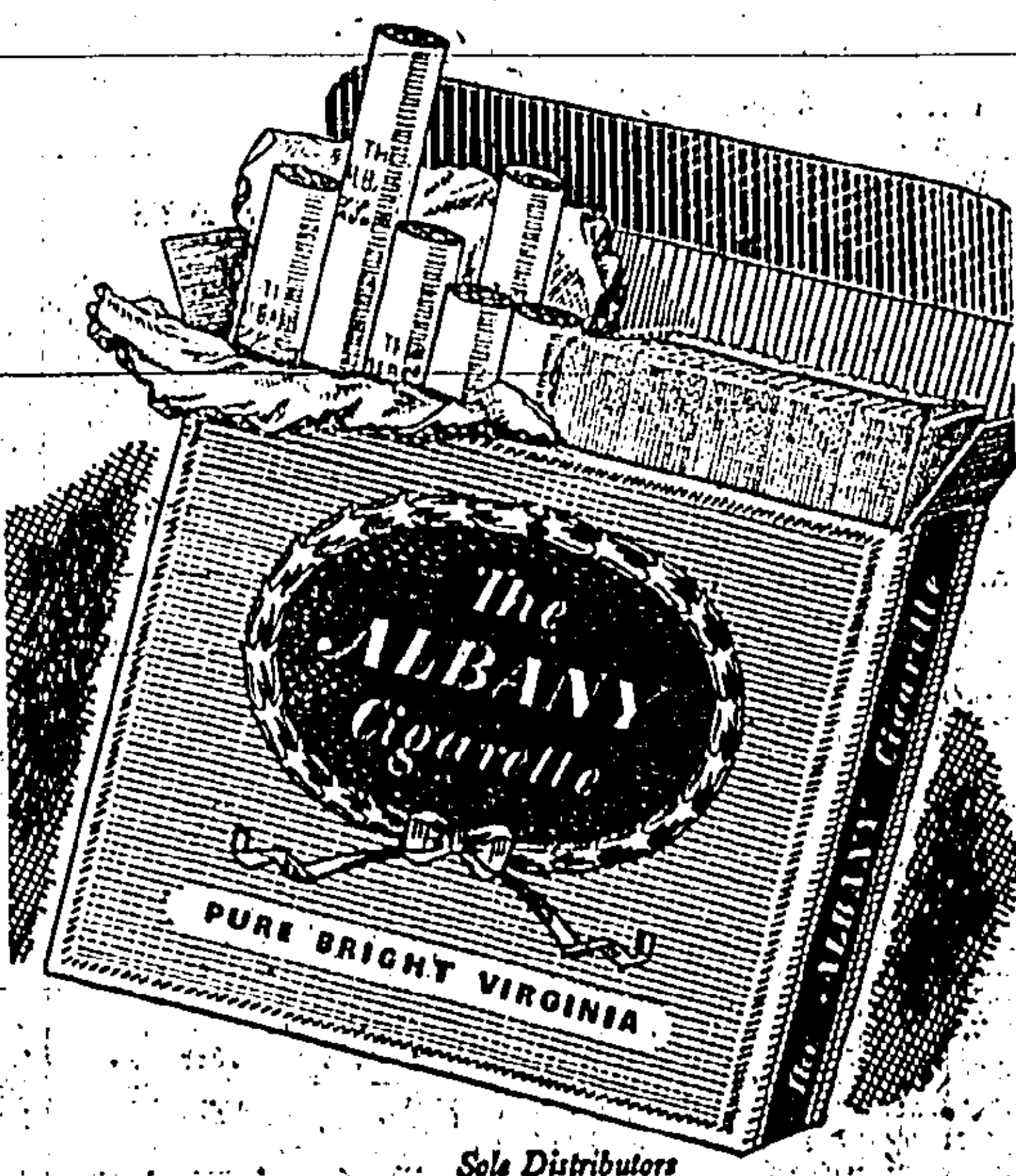
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"MOLENKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 3rd Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, 4th Jan.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DANGER OF RESTORING JAPAN'S TRADE TO PRE-WAR POSITION

New York, December 21.

Helping Japan back on her feet without letting her become an economic overlord is the big job now.

Japan is less likely to become again a military menace than an economic one, according to Edwin M. Martin, recent chief of occupied area economic affairs in the U.S. Department of State.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Except for China Lights, and a few scattered shares, there were no keen sellers yesterday.

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Japan's lack of raw materials and the dollars to buy them are major obstacles to recovery, he said, but the issues of reparations and lack of a peace treaty seem relatively unimportant.

He added: "Thus far the crimp put in their economic revival by the reparations programme and by the controls exercised over foreign trade has been greatly exaggerated by a Japanese government anxious to find an alibi for an incredibly incompetent performance."

"Whether an early peace treaty will do more to infuse the Japanese with a new energy for the attack on their economic problems, or to deprive the Japanese of essential financial aid that will be harder to get for an independent country, is hard to foresee. On balance, the economic significance of a peace treaty may prove to be quite minor."

Not A Threat

"A further problem may arise if the programme for 'cranking up' the Japanese economy is not so designed as to reassure the other Far Eastern countries that no threat to their security is involved, but that they will benefit from it."

"Without the support of their people, markets will not open up for Japanese goods."

Martin said that even in terms of World War II Japan could hardly be considered now a military threat, and the whole trend of military technology is leaving the Japanese decades behind other powers, regardless of what we do with her steel or similar industries.

"It is also changing previous concepts of distance so as to make it easier for the Western powers to prevent Japanese encroachment on other Far Eastern countries and perhaps make them more willing to do so."

"The principal security problem presented by Japan is in the field of economic warfare where an economically thriving Japan might be able, if proper safeguards were not maintained, to take advantage of present disorganized conditions in the Far East to re-establish a dominant position which could be almost as undesirable as political conquest."

Worth The Effort

"To build Japanese production up to the level required to make Japan not only self-sustaining but possessing an appreciable export surplus."

looks now like an almost impossible task.

"It may be worth the effort in terms of the economic needs of the Far East."

"Such a revival programme must of course guard against the re-establishment of a dominant Japanese trade position in the Far East while her victims are still lagging far behind in their recovery, and thus revive the spectre of Japanese economic domination."—United Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London, December 21. Quietly firm conditions existed in most sections today. Trading, however, remained at a seasonable low level.

There was a sharp reversal of trend in the gold market. Earlier declines were replaced by widespread firmness in various Cape and bar, bidding for some of the developing economies and initial losses were replaced by small gains.

London buying of Government stocks created quiet firmness in the gilt-edged section. Buying was concentrated in short-dated stocks.

Very few of the industrial groups were mentioned. There was, however, improvement among iron, steel and textiles, after provincial support.

Oil showed occasional gains in quiet trading. Foreign bonds were idle and showed few changes, although Chileans were firm.

SECURITIES: British Consols, 9 1/2% 79-11/16 Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 1961, 105 1/2

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Imperial Tea Company 27/0

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Crown Mines 3-5/16

Rand Mines 4-15/16

Spring Mines 7/8

Sub Nizels 3-15/16

Taylor Tin Co. 1/3

Union Corporation 20-9/16

ORE SHARERS: Royal Dutch Co. 24 1/4

Shell Transport & Trading Co. 2 1/2

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FOREIGN BONDS: German Loan (Dawson) 7 1/2% 7

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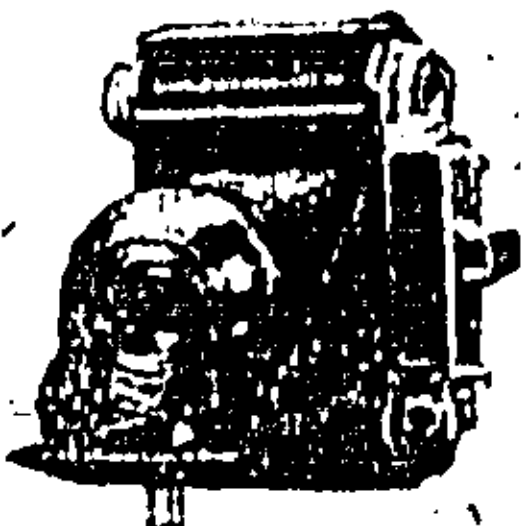
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**COMPANY DIRECTOR FINED****WOULD NOT PRODUCE HIS DRIVING LICENSE**

John Frederick Shea, aged 47, director of Harpor & Shea Co. and living at 2 Humphrey's Avenue, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with obstructing Sub-Inspector R. A. Brown in the execution of his duties.

After hearing the prosecution's evidence, the court amended the count to one of refusing to produce his licence when called upon by a police officer in uniform.

Convicting defendant on that charge, the bench said, "There is no answer to that. I have to find you guilty. You have to produce your driving licence whenever called upon to do so by a police officer in uniform."

Accused was fined \$25. SI Brown said that it was a very trivial matter and if defendant had given his name and address at the first instance, he would only have been cautioned.

At the conclusion of his evidence, defendant added, "I had thought that police officers were taught to be courteous and helpful to the public and not to be obstructive."

Shea referred to SI Brown's behaviour as officious and bullying. "I further consider SI Brown as having exceeded his authority and abused his position as a sub-inspector of police."

In reply to the bench's defendant said by "exceeding his authority" he meant that SI Brown having already asked for his licence through a subordinate officer, he should not do so again. As to "a nuisance" accused said that SI Brown was just throwing his weight about.

At 6.45 p.m. on December 21, said SI Brown, he saw a large car, bearing licence plate 3242, causing an obstruction outside 115 Boundary Street. He instructed PC 1204 to find out who the driver was and to get the obstruction removed.

Refused Address
At 7.05 p.m. he was informed by the constable that the European driver refused to give his address. He (SI Brown) then saw the car, driven by accused, stop at the Eastern end of the nullah at Boundary Street, and park there.

He went across to the car and asked defendant, "Are you the driver of this car, please?" In a very aggressive and bullying manner, defendant said, "What do the hell do you think I am?" Shea's breath, said SI Brown, smelt strongly of alcohol, his speech was blurred, and he was unsteady on his feet.

The prosecution said that he did not consider accused to be sufficiently under the influence to be charged with that offence.

Continuing, SI Brown said he told defendant, "It's obvious that you are the driver of the car as I have seen you driving. Will you please show me your licence?"

Defendant, it was alleged, replied, "I have already given particulars to this police constable and I refuse to give them to you, Inspector Brown, or anyone else."

Asked Several Times
After asking defendant five or six times to show his licence, SI Brown said he warned accused that he was liable to be charged for refusing the information. To this accused, it was alleged, said, "Go to hell. I'll tell you nothing."

In reply to accused, witness said that he did not mention about his being unsteady on his feet and blurred in his speech at the Police Station because he (witness) did not consider him to be under the influence.

SI Brown admitted that, at the station, he asked a number of charges against accused, such as obstructing traffic, obstructing a police officer, dangerous driving, careless driving, and driving without lights.

Witness disagreed with accused's suggestion that they were both standing on their own rights—he, on the right to ask for a driving licence to be produced, and accused on the right to refuse to show it after having shown it to a subordinate officer acting under instructions of witness.

Courteous And Cordial
PC in Chiu-chol, in evidence, testified to having gone up to 115 Boundary Street, and to defendant coming out of the house after witness had told the man that he wanted to see the driver of the car.

He told accused that his car was causing an obstruction. Defendant denied this and, when asked to produce his licence, offered to give him a visiting card. When Shea could not find the card, he produced his licence but held it in his own hand.

Defendant, said witness, furnished him with the name and licence number. He took them down and, on meeting SI Brown, told the inspector about it.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that he took down the particulars

of the number and name as supplied by accused. He further agreed with defendant that during the conversation they were very courteous and cordial to each other.

Witness admitted that defendant switched on the car lights for him to write down the number, name and address which defendant read out. Shea spelt out his own name but not the address, said witness in reply to another question.

In the course of his evidence, defendant said that after he had written his car to the end of the nullah at the junction of Waterloo Road, and locked it, SI Brown went up to him and demanded to see his licence. Accused said he told SI Brown that he had already shown the licence to a subordinate officer of his who was acting under his instructions, and could see no reason why he should show it again.

SI Brown then threatened to arrest him but he still persisted in his refusal to produce his licence. SI Brown then told a constable to take him to the police station. "I offered to drive them there, in my car."

In reply to SI Brown, defendant admitted that he had had a few drinks and that he did refuse to produce his licence.

The four engineers are now detained at the hospital and are reported to be recovering fairly well. The explosion occurred shortly after midday on December 15 when the Sudan was about 40 yards from Kowloon. The blast blew open the scupper door and flames shot out.

Radio calls for help were sent, and an American launch arrived with two doctors and sisters. Arriving at Kowloon, the casualties were lifted down on to lifeboats and were carried by the waiting ambulances already standing by at the wharf.

Approached by the "China Mail" aboard the vessel, the master declined to make any statement, saying that he had sent in his report to the agents here at Kowloon for four days before setting out again for the Colony. Built in 1948 at Glasgow, she is the first of four 9,000-ton cargo liners specially constructed for the P. and O. express cargo Europe-Far East service. A shelter deck type with two complete lower decks, the Sudan has a Drifted System for cargo preservation.

She is due to resume her journey on Friday.

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Programme For League Clubs

(By ALCYDES)

The coming week-end will witness a comparatively easy holiday programme for league clubs. Two league engagements are due for completion, one on Saturday, December 25 and the other on Monday, December 27.

As opponents are the same on both days, there may be some changes in the league standings. Derby County for instance are booked for two

Inter-Varsity Sports

Programme for the Inter-Varsity Sports between Hong Kong University and the Lingnam University of Canton.

Friday, December 24
Morning, starting at 10 a.m.—Tennis at the Gymnasium.
Afternoon, starting at 2.30 p.m.—Ping Pong in Union followed by football at the Pavilion at 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 26
Morning, starting at 10.30 a.m.—Basketball at Caroline Hill.
Afternoon, starting at 3 p.m.—Badminton at the VRC Badminton Court.
Farewell tea party.

Farewell tea party.

Engine Room Explosion In Ship Kills Six

Two officers were killed and four engineers severely burned as a result of an explosion in the engine room of the new British motorship Sudan, which arrived here last night from Kobo.

A. J. MacFarland, chief refrigerating officer, of Edinburgh, died 30 minutes after the accident. The Indian "serang" was taken to the American Military Hospital at Osaka, but died on the following day.

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Rent Control To Continue

The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, which expires at the end of 1948, was extended for another year by Legislative Council yesterday.

Moving the extension the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, said the necessity for continuing rent control clearly still existed under present conditions.

AUSSIES LIFT CAR CONTROL
Canberra, December 21. Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, announced today that the Government had lifted all controls over the sale and distribution of motor vehicles in Australia.

GRAZIANI ILL
Rome, December 21. The trial of 66-year-old Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Mussolini's war leader, has been adjourned until January 4 next, because of his bad health.

ARMED ROBBERY
Three robbers, two of them armed with revolvers entered No. 111 Battery Street ground floor at 9.30 p.m. last night. They ransacked the place and stole money and jewellery to the total amount of HK\$300. The robbers then made good their escape.

IRC XMAS DANCE
The Indian Recreation Club are holding a dance on Christmas Eve at their Club house at Bookatoope-for-members-and-their-friends. The dance will start promptly at 9 p.m. and tickets are obtainable from the Club or at the entrance on the night of the dance.

ARSENAL--HOTSPUR NOT ALL-TICKET MATCH

London, December 19.

When it first became known that the Arsenal versus Tottenham Hotspur game in the third round of the FA Cup competition would not be an all-ticket match, numerous people were surprised. It was their opinion that such a decision would throw the way open for one of the biggest scrambles in the history of the game because of the immense interest such a tie had created.

Not until explanations came from the Arsenal club was it realised how difficult a problem it would be to make this match an all-ticket one. The whole matter revolved around the construction of the Arsenal ground at Highbury, and Tom Whitaker, the Arsenal manager, admitted that a huge reconstruction scheme would have to be undertaken to make it possible for only people with tickets being allowed at the match.

The whole of the reconstruction at Highbury would need to be divided off into some kind of "pen" and every seat in the vast stands numbered in order to prevent a scramble by even ticket holders.

With numbered tickets issued, as in the case of the Cup final at Wembley, it will be seen how necessary such arrangements would be. Wembley was constructed in that manner so that all ticket matches here are easily workable but without reconstruction at Highbury such a scheme would not be successful.

Overnight Queues
In consequence, the gates at Highbury will probably be opened at a very early hour and it is certain that queues will begin to form overnight. The majority of the stand tickets have already been sold.

Biggest Ever
Now, following last Saturday's 5-0 defeat at Middlesbrough, which put them at the bottom for the second time, Villa have paid £17,000 for Ivor Powell, Queens Park Rangers and Welsh International wing half. The fee is the highest ever received by Queens Park Rangers and also the biggest sum expended on a player by Aston Villa.

Villa supporters are likely to be impressed by the newcomer, for he plays the type of football for so long associated with the club. He is a great ball player, with attack as his strong point. If necessary, Powell can deputise in the forward line, as he did for Wales against England in 1946.

Last season Powell appeared in all three internationals, but in his best position at right half. Before he was signed on by Aston Villa, negotiations had been completed for him to go to Fulham in exchange for their speedy left winger, Ernie Shepherd, and a fee of £7,000, but at the last moment Powell would not consent to the move.

Powell only signed for Aston Villa after he had looked over a house which the club will provide for him.—Reuter.

SAVOLD LINES UP FIGHTS FOR 1949

London, December 22.

Lee Savold, the United States heavyweight, announced in London today that he has lined up three fights in 1949.

They include a contest with the world light heavyweight champion, Freddie Mills, in London in September. Savold's Manager, Bill Daly also agreed that Savold should take on the Swedish champion, Olle Tandberg, in either Oslo or Stockholm next summer.

Jack Solomons will also have a hand in this promotion. Solomons, for the Mills fight, few hours after accepting an offer from the 20th Century Sporting Club for Savold to meet an unnamed opponent in Madison Square Garden in February. It is understood that the fight will be a final eliminator for a world title bout with Joe Louis.

June Date
Daly said tonight that he would stipulate that the winner should get a June date with Louis for the world title. Daly said that Savold will return to the United States late in January after a number of exhibition engagements in England and Dublin.

Freddie Mills has contracted with Solomons to fight Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, on June 2 before the match with Savold. Woodcock's British Empire and European titles will be at stake. If Mills wins he will then hold seven titles as he is already World British Empire and European light heavyweight champion. Bruce Woodcock beat Savold on a fourth round foul at Harringay Arena on December 8.—Associated Press and Reuter.

WEDDING BELLS
The wedding took place at the Supreme Court, Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday of Mr. John Eaton Cairns, second son of the late Sir John Cairns, and Miss Chang Mei-long, of the same address. Witnesses were Mr. Tsui Kwok-ling, and Mr. Wong Sul-hing.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. George Knight, Prison Officer, of Stanley Prison, and Mrs. Alexander, of 10 Bolton Road; Mr. Horace Arthur William Bennett, C.P.O., engineering room artificer, R.N., of HMS Sussex, and Miss Thelma Doreen Collico, salesgirl, of 11 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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